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District Governor's Message

Over the last six weeks, I have had a wonderful time traveling around our great district, seeing old friends and making new ones, and re-connecting with familiar faces not seen in too long a while. But what struck me most during my travels was the downright amazing, truly important, and desperately needed work that is being done right now in our own Rotary back yard by our fellow neighbors -- the clubs of District 7780.

Last month I discussed "curb appeal" and the importance of how folks see our clubs and our organization from the outside. Some of the "home improvement" tips we reviewed were club web sites, community information and public relations. This month, I'd like to focus on how our clubs look from the inside. What do new members see as they step across the welcoming threshold and look beyond the front entryway?

What would you see if you looked at your own club with a fresh pair of eyes? Perhaps the best way to find out how a club looks from the inside is to just ask. New members have many impressions of the club they just joined, and some of these may be surprising to older members. Better yet, ask a member who has left your club -- the answer is sure to be informative.

As a frequent visitor to clubs around the District, I see many of the same rituals and meeting activities that I saw sixteen years ago when I first joined Rotary. Now, maybe it's because these rituals and activities work and everyone likes them, or maybe it's just easier not to change.

I recently spoke with one president who made a simple change to his meeting's Agenda -- he had the prayer done before the Pledge of Allegiance. During his year as President, he felt it was important to recognize God before Country.

Depending on how you look at it, his decision could be right or wrong but the bottom line is that he was elected to lead his club for this Rotary year. It is totally within his prerogative, as his club's leader, to try different things. If next year's president doesn't like it, he or she can always change it back to the way it was. By the way, I've made the same change to the District meetings!

It is so much easier not to change things, to continue to do things the same way because "that's the way they've always been done." Every leader faces this dilemma. But if you don't step up to the challenge of trying new and different things, your club could be idle, or worse spin a few wheels for a whole year! Why not change how you're doing things, gain some traction and move ahead?

Another thing we can look closely at is where our meetings are held. I know that this is a hard subject to tackle, but *location, location, location* can help sell your club to prospective members.

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Think about it for a moment. The place in which you have become comfortable and are just floating along in may actually repel prospective new members. Maybe it's a good time to examine how your community has grown -- are there new areas that folks gather in that could support your club's meetings and offer a new look to boot? These are difficult questions, but looking never hurts. And sometimes it may help your current location appreciate the business that your club brings by meeting there.

Our Rotary International President John Kenny said that one of his goals for this year is to return Rotary to its members. To me, that means we have a responsibility to do our part and take our clubs to a new level. We can do this by looking at our clubs with a new set of eyes, by ensuring that we have "curb appeal" for prospective members, by freshening up our routines for existing members, and by making sure that our clubs are welcoming and attractive venues for all.

Each month we all have an opportunity to showcase what we are doing, as well as what we have done. This is free and it's a chance to reach all of the Rotarians in our District. All you need to do is submit an article, and when the District Newsletter is published, forward it to all of your club's members. This month why not send in some information to share, send articles to pelkeyfuneral@aol.com for submission by the 5th of the month.

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands. Let's all do our part to ensure the future is bright for Rotary and for all the people around the world who depend on the good works that we Rotarians do. After all, we all share the same backyard!

Jeffrey S. Pelkey
District Governor 2009-2010
Rotary International
District 7780

Mark Your Calendar

GSE Deadline

August 31, 2009

District Membership Seminar

October 28, 2009

District Conference

May 14-16, 2010

District 7780 Clubs Commit \$\$\$ to Matching Grants

Since July 1, seven matching grant applications, involving a record 15 District 7780 clubs, have been filed with the Rotary Foundation. And two more applications are nearly completed, involving six more clubs! Together, the seven grants already filed involve \$25,400 in total club contributions, and when the contributions of clubs in other districts plus the District and Rotary Foundation matches are counted in, these grants will provide almost \$280,000 in funding to developing nations.

And all this in the first month of the new fiscal year! District 7780 clubs are truly making a difference.

Clubs involved	Purpose of Grant	Total D-7780 Club Contributions	District DDF Contribution	Total Value of Grant
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Exeter, Newburyport, Portsmouth	Sustainable garden in Niger	(3 clubs) \$6750	\$5000	\$20,896
Yarmouth, other clubs in other districts	Books and literacy materials in Guatemala	\$1000	\$1000	\$66,500
Durham Great Bay	Pediatric hospital equipment in Egypt	\$4000	\$4000	\$24,318
Bath Sunrise, other clubs in D-7790	Sports field and garden at Safe Passage in Guatemala	\$350	\$350	\$37,230
Brunswick Coastal	School renovation in Uganda	\$3300	\$3298	\$11,996
Casco Bay, BBH, Exeter, other clubs in other districts	Material and parts to build wheelchairs for polio survivors in Nigeria	(3 clubs) \$2000	\$2000	\$63,350
Casco Bay, Bridgton, Portland, Bethel, Oxford, BBH, Fryeburg, other clubs in 6 other districts	Equipment to build 600 more wheelchairs in Nigeria	(7 clubs) \$8000	\$5000	\$54,865
Totals:		(15 clubs) \$25,400	\$20,648	\$279,155

For information about how your club can get involved in a Matching Grant, check out the “Foundation Grants” page on the District website or email/phone Marty Peak Helman, district grants coordinator, grants@walterfoundation.org; 207-633-6336.

District Literacy



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the new Rotary year has begun and goals are being established, I want to encourage all of you to participate in and undertake projects that promote literacy and educational opportunities for children and adults here in our communities and in those abroad.

Each year, the Rotary International Literacy Resource Group establishes criteria and suggested goals to qualify for district (5 activities) and zone (10 activities) literacy awards and this Rotary year is no exception. You will find the awards brochure and more detailed information on the district website under the literacy awards tab. All clubs in this district are eligible and activities supported must be documented and certified by your club president no later than April 15, 2010.

Here are just a few examples of literacy activities that qualify:

- Induct a new member with a literacy/education classification.
- Celebrate International Literacy Day the week of *September 8th*.
- Conduct a dictionary project or other book project
- Invite a literacy speaker to address the members
- Devote a club meeting to creating awareness of literacy projects
- Participate in the district 4- way test contest
- Participate in an international literacy/education project that is connected to health, hunger or water concerns.
- Provide reading mentors

- Celebrate literacy month in **March**

Governor Jeff and I are encouraging all clubs in this Rotary year to consider partnering with the Lions club in an eyeglass drive and invite your local Lions club members, community members and the media to a meeting in March of 2010 to celebrate literacy month and the collaborative effort of two service organizations. For more details, please contact DG Jeff or myself.

As a final thought and reminder, we should constantly be re-assessing the projects that we are involved in each year and ask ourselves is there something more that we can do? When we provide food at our local food pantries and soup kitchens, we are feeding the hungry stomachs of so many, but are we also feeding their minds? Collecting used books for the young and old to read and disbursing them at food pantries, soup kitchens, churches etc. are no cost to our clubs, but priceless to so many of the disadvantaged in our own communities.

Keep up the great work in literacy and feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Yours in Rotary service,

Penny Jett

Literacy Resource Coordinator

Give to the Annual Giving Program

Why is Rotary important to me personally?

In my 22 years in Rotary, I have heard many reasons why Rotary is important to people.

It gives me the opportunity to give back to the community.

I want to share some of the good things that I have received in my life.

I want to help other people.

I can help more people through Rotary than I can by myself.

I can make a difference in the world through Rotary.

I have met people from all over the world.

Rotary has offered me the opportunity to do things that I would never been able to do otherwise.

It makes me feel good to know a child has the chance to go to school, have clean water or a healthier life because of what I do in Rotary!

I am making a difference!

Rotary means something different to everyone but think of all the lives that have been changed because of you and your contributions to the Annual Giving Program. We can help change the world one life at a time. Think of all the lives that have been made better because you joined Rotary and contributed to Our Rotary Foundation yearly.

Give to the Annual Giving Program today – make a difference.

Remember *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!*

Marie Williams

Annual Giving Chair 2009-10



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As we celebrate membership month in August, the district membership committee wants you to know that we are here to support you and your club in membership development. As the Rotary year ensues, please feel free to contact any one of the committee members for any assistance or guidance that you may need regarding membership. We are here to serve you and to be a resource for you – we are happy to meet with your club board or membership committee and tailor-fit a future club program addressing your club's individual membership needs. Just let us know how we can help you – we look forward in growing our district's membership together.

Visit www.rotary7780.org and click on the committee tab under membership on the left hand side to view all of the district membership committee members available to help!

The ABC's of recruiting new members

Public relations is key to ensuring *community respect* and is crucial in recruiting new members – write weekly about your club meetings, interesting speakers, donations, service projects, etc – you need to see your Rotary club in print – use cable access – the more your community is aware of all of the good that your club is doing, the more your community is talking about Rotary and the more reasons you will give men and women in your community to want to join Rotary.

- Use a classification list – what classification is your club missing?
- Identify leaders and volunteers of your community and personally invite them to a meeting.
- Invite a co-worker, neighbor, friend or family member that you would consider a great candidate for membership.
- Devote a meeting or two each Rotary year where you invite the above guests and showcase what Rotary is, what Rotary does and what Rotary would ultimately bring in to their lives. Short 2-3 minute testimonials from a few existing members can be extremely inspirational and valuable to convincing potential new members of the importance and value of joining your club.

So, let's get started and be proactive in our search for new interested men and women to induct into our clubs – membership is up to all of us – let each one of us take ownership and work together, so that we can watch our membership grow this Rotary year!

*~Save the Day! ~
The District Membership Seminar is coming October 28th!
Portland's Holiday Inn West
Be There!*

Yours in Rotary service,

Brad Jett, PDG

District Membership Chair 2009-10

FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT'S CORNER

Most of you know me through my extensive involvement with polio eradication, so I decided to write a bit on the polio eradication initiative for this month's newsletter. In rolling out the Foundation's goals for 2009-10 and in keeping with RI's strategic plan, the No.1 priority remains the promise to eradicate polio. This program needs the continued financial support from Rotary Clubs but just as importantly, we need you as vocal advocates for Rotary's top corporate program. Involve your general public in your fundraising activities for PolioPlus; tell the story of Rotary's accomplishment over the past 25 years. As they learn of Rotary's legacy working towards a polio free world, they will also learn of the other great deeds your Rotary Club is involved with and be inspired to become a Rotarian too.

There are many challenges we have faced in our attempts to reach a polio free world. Each of the remaining four endemic countries has separate challenges in the geographical regions within them that

continue to circulate the wild poliovirus.

In Nigeria, in the past, there has been a lack of will to complete the job and rumors of the western world causing sterility of their children and spreading AIDS in the vaccine increased resistance to the polio drops. This has changed through the inclusion of traditional and religious leaders along with local community leaders taking active roles in promoting polio immunization. They have formed a Task Team to design a plan of action and monitor activities. The recent civil unrest you may have read about in the northern regions of Bauchi, Borno and Yobe will undoubtedly affect the quality of the IPDs (Immunization Plus Days) scheduled for 1-4 August. Follow up campaigns should help in this area.

An aggressive multi-country outbreak response is occurring in West Africa in an effort to stop the spread of importation cases from Nigeria. Similar actions are taking place in the countries of Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, and Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda. All African countries must remain vigilant in their immunizing efforts due to the threat of the virus spreading across borders.

India's eradication efforts are 'on track' and success remains in sight. Their problem areas continue to be in the states of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, two of the most impoverished and illiterate states in India with poor health facilities and even poorer infrastructure. One of the bold new initiatives further optimizing the efficacy of polio vaccination - the bivalent oral polio vaccine (OPV) is to be field tested in the persistent trouble areas of western Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. This vaccine protects against Type 1 and Type 3 strains of polio. It is proving to be as effective as the monovalent OPVs in achieving protection. Community resistance is now lower than ever. They are providing zinc supplements shown to help with the reduction of diarrheal disease. Diarrheal diseases have hindered eradication efforts as children with chronic diarrhea flush the oral vaccine through their digestive tracts so fast their immune systems do not have time to respond sufficiently. Strategies have been strengthened to reach 'hard to reach' migrant groups. And an introduction of environmental surveillance in Delhi will help monitor virus circulation in western UP and Bihar.

In Afghanistan, the challenges of difficult terrain access and primarily conflict continue to hinder progress. Recent engagement of health NGOs (non governmental organizations) in the southern regions in eradication efforts has increased access in other regions. Continued synchronization immunization efforts with Pakistan are ongoing. At the RI Convention in Birmingham, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appealed to the global development community to complete the job of polio eradication. RI President DK Lee and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Jonathan Majiyagbe presented Ban Ki-moon with the prestigious Polio Eradication Champion Award. Ban Ki-moon immediately dedicated the award to three polio workers killed in Afghanistan last September. In honoring their heroic efforts, he is once again calling for Days of Tranquility in all areas where conflict is preventing access to children.

In Pakistan, deteriorating security in the Swat Valley has prevented health workers from reaching children during polio immunizing campaigns. A similar situation exists in the equally conflict-ridden Federally Administered Tribal Areas. New polio cases are emerging as a result of this disruption. Fighting between government forces and militants over the past several months in Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province has displaced 2 million people from the Swat Valley region. Despite the difficult situation, an opportunity has risen from the displacement. Special vaccination teams targeting internally displaced population camps have resulted in 723,000 children receiving polio vaccinations. As the government begins the repatriation process, some refugees are now returning to their homes. Several transit immunization points have been set up along the route taken by families returning to Swat. Displaced children who have previously missed the much-needed polio drops will be checked and immunized at these transit sites ensuring greater coverage.

As you have read, the polio eradication program is not a simple process. It is truly amazing how much we have accomplished. I like to compare our present situation to a mountain climber attempting to reach the summit. Stop and think of how many climbers have the summits in sight and turn around and go back. That last little bit of the climb is always the most challenging and most difficult to attain and requires the greatest planning and focus. And so it is with polio eradication. I offer the information in this article to demonstrate how hard those in endemic countries must work on a daily basis to achieve our goal. You see, we here have the easy part. It really is not all that difficult to write a check and spread the word of Rotary's PolioPlus Program. All children, everywhere, deserve the right to grow up without the threat of the crippling poliovirus lurking around every corner. Please, do your part to help.



DGE Ann Lee Hussey immunizing in Africa

Thank you.

DGE Ann Lee Hussey, Rotary Club of Casco Bay Sunrise

Club News

The Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor Raises Funds and Fun at Annual Auction

The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club's annual auction is an incredible fundraiser, and just as critical, an amazing FUN-raiser for the club. This year 50 neighbors, friends, family and, oh yes, Rotarians gathered for breakfast at 6:30 a.m., and then turned to a full day of collecting donations and setting up on the Boothbay Common. The rain held off until the setup was just about complete, and then the downpour came -- hard -- but not hard enough to dampen our spirits or spoil our pizza supper. Saturday we woke up to sunshine, and the community turned out for our Live and Silent Auctions, Boutique, Flea Market as well as the Food Concession, this year run by our Interact Club. All the hard work, the prep, and the 100% club participation paid off with gross receipts for the weekend of \$23,000!



Future Rotarians Chelsie and Lincoln "help" with Friday setup.



Elaine's barefeet and slicker is just about the only way to manage the downpour. Good thing all the sales items are under tents and tarps!



The guys enjoy a well-deserved brewski after the Auction is over and everything hauled off.

The Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak welcomes newest member

Kazeem Lawal was born in California and moved to Maine in February 2009. He works at Fair Point in Product Management.

Among his interests he lists volunteering, human rights, African & Independent/International Films, and soccer.

As a new Rotarian, Kazeem looks forward to networking and supporting the goals of our club and the mission of Rotary International.

Kazeem is eager to become involved in community as well as international projects. He hopes to bring his 'out-the-box' solutions to world's problems via the vast Rotary infrastructure.



Left to right: Kazeem Lawal, Gary Berenson, PP, Membership chair

Rotary Club of Brunswick Coastal



Yee Chau and Meilin Brodeur present Governor Jeff with a "Links of Love" bracelet during his visit to the Brunswick Rotary Club. The "Links of Love" project is a joint collaboration between Brunswick Coastal and St. John's School, Brunswick, to raise money for the Mbabaali School for AIDS Orphans in Kampala, Uganda.



Brunswick Coastal Rotary held their second annual Lobster Fest, this year as part of Harpswell Days. Members are shown busily preparing the dinners, followed by later pausing to enjoy the fruits of their labor!

Rotary Club of Damariscotta – Newcastle ~ Signs of Summer in the Mid-Coast

How to tell when summer has finally arrived in the Mid-Coast of Maine? Look for the hardy

Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotarians smiling at and cajoling with the summer crowd on the streets of downtown Damariscotta! Wouldn't you look great in this beautiful Kayak? Think of what your grandkids would say to your winning a brand new L.L. Bean Mountain Bike! It's all for the incredible projects here in this community and around the world that Rotary supports! The summer Kiosk Krew organized by Bill Murdoch with his stalwart support staffer Larry Townley keep the Annual Kayak and Mountain Bike raffle well displayed throughout the Twin Villages leading up to the August 22nd drawing.



Club Vice-President Mike Warren and President-Elect Judy Speers make a sale while Club Sgt. at Arms Steve Burton draws folks in!

The **Rotary Club of Exeter** recently participated at the Stratham Fair. We set up a booth to raffle some donated items of fuel oil and a savings bond. All proceeds will go toward our Polio Plus goal. We raised almost \$500.00. In the photo, from L-R are Exeter Rotarians:



Bob Marshall, Jim Rolston, Dick Parker and Peter Smith

On July 6th, the **Rotary Club of Hampton** welcomed new District Governor Jeff Pelkey and his family during a reception at the Purple Urchin restaurant on Hampton Beach. During the reception, Jeff and his family had the chance to meet with and enjoy fellowship with a number of Hampton Rotarians. The next day, July 7th, District Governor Jeff Pelkey made the first of his 41 club visits to the Hampton club at the Ashworth Hotel. During the meeting, Jeff addressed the club and helped induct our newest member, Laurie Savoy. It was an honor for Jeff to start his club visits in Hampton and to recognize and thank Past District Governor Brad Jett for all he did during his year as District Governor.



PDG Brad and District Governor Jeff



Karen, President Joan Correll and DG Jeff



Joan Correll, Hampton President, and the Pelkey Family



Hampton Rotary Fellowship at the Purple Urchin reception for DG Jeff

Kennebunk Portside Rotary – New Members – Kennebunk Portside Rotary is pleased to announce that Owen Conway of Kennebunk has been inducted as a new member of Portside Rotary. Jon Shill, current member, sponsored Owen and assisted Owen in his new venture into Rotary. Owen has a background in education administration and we look forward to his participation in Rotary through our vocation avenues, mentoring program and many other projects for Portside Rotary.



Pictured left to right: Kim Conway, Owen Conway, Jon Shill, Sponsor and Rick Lombardi, President Portside Rotary.

July 7 **The Rotary Club of Kittery** was delighted to have 10 visiting Rotarian's from the Rotary Club of South Berwick-Eliot. The SB-E's meeting location was unavailable for the week so they took advantage of the opportunity to join us at Kittery Estates. The attendance was swelled even further by the families of our two 2008 -2009 RYLA campers. Ashley Dorrbecker and Rina Howard joined us to tell of their experiences at the June 27-30 RYLA Camp and how much they got out of it. Our congratulations to Joe Pace and his District 7780 RYLA staffers on having run a very enjoyable and challenging program despite the inclement weather.



Ashleigh and Rina filled us in on what the RYLA experience meant to them.



In our tradition honoring our speakers, Rina and Ashleigh are presented a book by President Julie Perreault, to be signed and donated in their honor to the Kittery School libraries.

Rotary Club of Ogunquit

Ogunquit Rotary's Two-Cent Sale



The Great Hall of the Ogunquit Dunaway Center was the scene of the Rotary Club's 35th Annual Two-Cent Sale and, as always, was filled with potential winners of one or more prizes in the continuous raffles throughout the evening of July 16 this year. Upwards of 250 gifts were donated by local merchants and Rotarians, and were raffled off during the evening. A grand prize of \$1000, awarded to the lucky winner at the end of the evening, is the most sought-after prize. Upwards of 10,000 \$1-tickets were sold during the Sale.



In addition to 5 tables of 50 prizes each, which are raffled off during the exciting evening, the Silent Auction corner creates a good deal of interest and revenue. Here, guests take a close look at paintings, jewelry, exotic rugs, and other high-valued items before bidding.



Ogunquit Rotarian PP Ed Smith points to the latest beach chair for the handicapped, purchased by the Ogunquit Club and donated to the Ogunquit Fire Company for use of handicapped persons on Ogunquit Beach. This is just one of the ways our Club is involved with the Community using funds raised from the Annual '2-Cent Sale' in Ogunquit. The chair and rider, with only a minimum of effort from a helper, is able to navigate the soft sands of the beach because of its construction and balloon tires. With three of these vehicles now on the beach given by Ogunquit Rotary, new horizons have opened up for many who would otherwise not have been able to enjoy the beach.

Ogunquit Rotary's Two-Cent Sale



Always popular and profitable with the crowd is the hard-working gang of food servers who sell popcorn, hot dogs, and soda. Clockwise from front are Susan Wentzell, Suzanne Thompson, George Wilson and head-chef PP Don MacAulay.



Rotary Club of Ogunquit recent Paul Harris Fellowship winners are, left to right, Denis Latulippe, PP Gordon Lewis, Current President Lisa Greenlaw, PP Tracy Smith, (who conferred the awards), Dr. Lawrence (Joe) Boyle, and PP Richard Littlefield. Awards were given at the Changing-of-the-Guard dinner celebration on July 22 at the Beach House Grill in Ogunquit.



At the recent change-over dinner, outgoing President Tracy Smith, left, is presented with a memento gavel and plaque by incoming President Lisa Greenlaw.



One of our favorite speakers at Ogunquit Rotary luncheons is PDG Elias Thomas, III, who recently delivered an inspiring talk on his latest trip to India, where he and other Rotarians from many nations helped build needed facilities for a remote village near Delhi. Pres. Lisa Greenlaw, right, has just presented Elias with his 'golden' speaker's award pen after the talk.

Rotary Club of Portsmouth



President Janice Wood passed the torch and

Robert's Rules of Order over to new President

Jamie DeStefano at the Changing of the Guard on June 25th.

A full house of Rotarians was on hand to honor Janice's outstanding year of service to the club and to welcome Jamie to her new position. We congratulate and thank both of these outstanding women for their commitment to the Portsmouth Rotary Club

Saco Bay , Maine – The **Rotary Club of Saco Bay** is proud to announce their first two honorees for the Paul Harris Fellow for the new Rotary year that started on July 1st, 2009.

Highlighting the new Rotary theme “The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands”, inductees were honored by new club President, Dennis Robillard, at the Captain's Galley in Old Orchard Beach.



PHF Nicole Robillard

The first inductee was Nicole Robillard the daughter of, Club President, Dennis & Mary Beth Robillard. Nicole is a recent graduate from Catherine McAuley High School and received this honor from her father and mother to acknowledge her lifelong commitment to serving others. Nicole has been an avid athlete participating in women's field hockey and soccer; a member of the Catherine McAuley's Key Club sighting high academic standards and plans on attending Curry College in Milton MA for Nursing this fall. Most recently Nicole traveled to Thailand for a service based project and was profoundly affected by how grateful others could be by simple acts of kindness learning that the language of service is universally shared.



PHF Louise Reed

The second Paul Harris Fellow honored was Ms. Louise Reid; recognized for her continuous community leadership and cited for the service and comfort she provides to those she knows around the world. As assistant Town Manager, Ms. Reid certainly exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of the Rotary Foundation. Which, simply put, are to encourage and foster the ideal of service to others. A great woman of faith, she has served on an array of youth and community steering boards and provides an accretive voice for those in their golden years. Respectfully known as the "First Lady of Old Orchard Beach", she has earned the respect of the citizens she serves and the 1.2 million Rotarians she represents though this recognition.

It wouldn't be summer if we didn't host a traditional lobster bake!



The Rotary Club of Saco Bay is happy to announce that tickets are available for the Annual Lobster Bake, scheduled for Saturday, August 22 at the Scamman Farm in Saco/Buxton. It's easy to find, just look for the huge blue and gold Rotary Wheel! Single lobster meals include: Lobster, mussels, corn, potatoes, bread, drinks and desserts for \$25/person. A double lobster dinner is only \$30/person. Steak dinner tickets (\$25/person) and children's meals (\$6.00/person) are available to insure everyone enjoys this great Rotary day. Set-up is at 11:00 AM, serving starts at 1:00 PM. It's a day of fun and fellowship with all the proceeds going to the club's charitable giving committee. Bring the children, bring your friends, and bring your appetite! No one goes home hungry from this event! You may have enjoyed other lobster bakes and now it's time to have the best!

To purchase your tickets contact Phil Hatch (282-7753) or Dru Laduke (553-1536) before Thursday, August 17. Ah-Yup!

That's funny you don't look that old!

The Rotary Club of Saco Bay is hosting a 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner at the People's Choice Credit Union, Saco on Saturday, September 26 and is opening the invitation to everyone in District 7780! Do you remember Al Carignan, our first club President? Come celebrate with him, our present club President, Dennis Robillard, and hundreds others in looking back over the last twenty years.

Cash bar starts at 5:00 PM, Dinner at 6:00 PM, Presentations start at 7:00 PM featuring, Brenda Cressey, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator - RI Zone 24 (26), California and former club member of the Rotary Club of Saco Bay.

\$30/person includes a wonderful buffet dinner including Lemon Haddock, Beef Tips and Vegetable Lasagna along with salads, cheeses, fruits and desserts.

It will be an evening of reminiscing and celebrating 20-years of service. How many Rotarians still have their Madonna and George Michael albums! Tickets can only be purchased in advanced by contacting Cathy LeBlanc at caleblanc@maine.rr.com or Dru Laduke at DruLaduke@gmail.com / 553-1536.

Get your boogie on, Al!

Today during club assembly our club President, Dennis Robillard, introduced the first collection box for the Crutches4Africa pilot project. The purpose of the pilot project is to test-drive and gather support for David Talbot's efforts to collect and ship crutches, canes, walkers and wheel chairs for victims of Polio in Tanzania and Kenya. David and Dennis met during this year's international convention in Birmingham, England, proving that you never know the possibilities of what can happen at the international convention!



In an effort to get this project off the ground, Dennis has negotiated the first collection box to be placed at Southern Maine Medical Center in Biddeford with the assistance of fellow Rotarian Karen Chasse (Biddeford-Saco club) and another box at Orthopedic Associates in Portland, Maine.

A special thanks goes to District Governor-Elect, Ann Lee, for her assistance and direction on the project and to District Governor, Jeff Pelkey, for his generous donation of Rotary decals that appear on the front of the each collection box.

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