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## District 7780 District Governor's Newsletter March 2010



### District Governor Nominee Selected for 2012-13

Marty Peak Helman has been named District Governor Nominee-elect, to serve District 7780 as District Governor in the year 2012-13.



Marty is a member of the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club. She and her husband, Frank, joined Rotary in 2003, and they are both multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Marty served her club as president in 2006-07, and the following year she was named Club Rotarian of the Year. In 2008, Marty led District 7780's Group Study Exchange team to the Philippines, and for the past two years she has served as D-7780's District Grants Subcommittee Chair. Marty is a faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

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The Nominating Committee also selected Don Lamprey of the Hampton Club and Robert "Skip" Krehling of the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club to fill vacancies on the District Finance Committee, effective July 1. Congratulations to all these District 7780 Rotarians for their service to Rotary.

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### Foundation Projects Spell Proudest Rotary Moment

We continually hear requests for "Every Rotarian Every Year" in support of Our Rotary Foundation.

Many of us will never see an international project being done but OUR donations to the Annual Giving Program helps make them happen. Without you and your donations each and every year many thousands of people's lives would not be improved or be given a chance at life. You make the difference! The time is running out to meet your annual giving goal that you set with DG Jeff last year at PETS. PLEASE meet (or exceed) your commitment to our Foundation so that there will be monies available in three years to do the many wonderful projects that this District's clubs support and sponsor.

Let me share with you a story from the EREY Newsletter.

#### "FOUNDATION PROJECT SPELLS PROUDEST ROTARY MOMENT"

Henning Sorknaes has no trouble remembering his proudest Rotary moment. It was taking part in a community service project supported by several Rotary clubs to help restore a hospital in Senta, Serbia. The hospital, which serves a population of about 150,000, mostly ethnic Hungarian Serbians, lacked modern technical equipment and was barely surviving on a mixture of public and private funds.

Sorknaes's club, the Rotary Club of Budapest-City, Hungary, partnered with five other clubs and the Rotary Club of Zemun, Serbia, to secure a US\$20,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant. The grant helped fund a \$1.2 million project to equip and train staff to make the hospital's cardiology department fully operational. The clubs worked with Assist International, which contributed almost \$1 million worth of donated equipment. Shortly after the unit was restored in 2004, Sorknaes was approached by a relative of a heart patient who had been revived and treated by the equipment. "I will never forget the look in his eyes," he recalls.

"I had the honor and privilege to be the project manager and to see the interest from the community, which was overwhelming," Sorknaes says. "As a side effect, this project led us into participation in another four hospital projects in Hungary and Romania, with the same story there."

The effort also brought in several prospective members for the new Rotary Club of Senta, which received its charter in 2006.

Many other Rotarians have experienced their proudest moments because of a Foundation-funded project. Donations to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative ensure that efforts such as these can continue."

There are numerous stories just like this one right here in our own district but without your taking part in a project and your yearly donations these things would not happen. PLEASE get your donations into Our Rotary Foundation now so we can continue to help people around the world. Remember *"The Future of Rotary is in your Hands!"*

Marie Williams  
District 7780 2009-10 Annual Giving Chair  
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## RYLA Camp

Message from Ben Wheler, RYLA Chair:

. For many of you this information will be redundant and for that I apologize. I am filling a huge pair of shoes this year taking over for my close friend Joe Pace but I am up to the challenge. I have been involved in RYLA since 1996 and look forward to working with many of you!

This year RLYA is shaping up to be another great program! The dates are June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> at Camp Hinds in Raymond Maine. The cost is still \$300.00 per student, one of the best investments a club can make in their community. Please have the students fill the application and return them to RYLA PO Box 4632 Portsmouth, NH 03801 by April 30, 2009 at the latest. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me. If have an idea of how many students your club will be sending please let me know so I can start to get an idea on numbers.

Regards,

Ben Wheeler

Editors Note: This is extracted from Ben's email to the clubs, if you need a copy of the application contact Ben at [ryla7780@yahoo.com](mailto:ryla7780@yahoo.com)

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## Club News

### **Breakwater Daybreak welcomes two new members**

Breakwater Daybreak was joined by Casco Bay Sunrise at their recent breakfast meeting to hear the GSE Team's presentation to India by team leader Jim Price and team members Elizabeth Trice and Alex Fabish (Matt Crandall and Erin Saveall could not attend).

The larger gathering was the perfect venue for inducting Breakwater Daybreak's two newest members, Karen Dunfey and Alison Schneller.



Gary Berenson, Membership Chair, Alison Schneller, Karen Dunfey, District Governor-elect Ann Lee Hussey, Michael Hulsey  
District Governor-elect Ann Lee Hussey had the honor of pinning Alison and Michael Hulsey the honor of pinning Karen.

The **Rotary Club of Kittery** joined the March 2nd "Read Across America" Celebration. Club President Julie Perreault, President -Elect Russ French and Service Projects Chair Ellen McClure read to the Mitchell School 2nd Grade Classes.



Photo by Ellen McClure  
Russ & Julie surprise school Librarian Jean Odiome

Before they left they surprised School Librarian Jean Odiome with a \$200 check for new Library Books. The Club also has our speakers sign a book which is donated in their honor to the School Libraries.

On March 17 the Kittery Club celebrated St. Patrick's Day at Club Secretary Joyce Verville's ad hoc Irish Pub





Two weeks later we hosted the local communtiy senior citizens in our free senior Spaghetti dinner at the town recreation center. We were joined by several Rotary family members in a fun evening of service.

