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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

During the last few months we as a family have enjoyed visiting the clubs in our District, sharing fellowship opportunities and attending fundraisers. It is inspiring to see the great work being done by the wonderful Rotarians here in District 7780.

As this year continues please avail yourselves of the many wonderful opportunities being presented by the District in the next couple of months to strengthen your club, both in the area of membership, and Rotary Foundation knowledge and opportunities.

District Membership Chair PDG Brad Jett and the District Membership Committee have organized a great morning of training on October 28 in Portland. This day is sure to leave you with some real tools to take back to your clubs to help attract and retain good, qualified Rotarians. See the District website for more information.

Our Foundation remains, second to our members, our most important asset. The strength and health of our Foundation is a responsibility of all of us. Each year there are some new and exciting opportunities to help support and benefit from our Foundation. Take advantage of one of the three regional Foundation seminars made possible and organized by District Foundation Chair PDG Liz Cullen and the District Foundation committee. These regional seminars should allow more Rotarians to travel less and spend less time away from home, while still getting some great Foundation education. These "Road Show" experiences have been successful in the past, come join us this year.

I have asked clubs and written in this letter in the past, to really look at the "Curb Appeal" of our clubs. Over the next few weeks I will be asking clubs to do some real evaluation of just how they look to others from the outside and examine what folks see when they come into the club. Please take some time and examine your web site, make sure your meeting place is well marked as a Rotary meeting place and the good work you do in the community bears the brand of the most effective service organization on the planet.

Yours in Rotary Service and Peace

DG Jeff

Governance

4 October 2009

Dear District 7780 Rotarians;

As District Governor one of my most important duties is to help ensure that our District is well cared for in future years.

Please help by seeking those Rotarians in your club that would be willing and otherwise meet the

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qualifications of District Governor for the Rotary year 2012-2013 and for District Budget and Finance Committee serving Rotary years 2010-2013, from Area A, which includes the clubs listed below.

See below part 303.3 relating to nomination of District Governor taken from our District bylaws, the complete section may be viewed by visiting our district website @ www.rotary7780.org/Bylaws.cfm.

303.3 Duties.

On or before January 15th, the president of any district club wishing to place the name of one of its members in nomination for District Governor or other district office requiring presentation to the Nominating Committee (or propose a member of another district club with the latter club's concurrence) shall file with the District Governor a resolution of the club, adopted at a regular club meeting. In the case of nominees for District Governor, the resolution shall certify that the candidate meets the qualifications for District Governor as provided in the current Rotary International Manual of Procedure, and include a picture of the candidate together with a biographical sketch of the candidate's personal and Rotary background. All district clubs should refer to the current Rotary International Manual of Procedure regarding the promotion of a candidate and should nominate the best-qualified candidate.

Budget and Finance Committee- 1 new member is needed-

From Clubs in Area "A" (Dover, Durham Great Bay, Exeter, Hampton, Newburyport, Portsmouth, Seacoast, Rochester, Somersworth-Berwick)

The process for nomination of a member to the District Budget and Finance Committee mirrors that of the nomination process for District Governor (I.E .Club Resolution) and will follow the same time schedule for submission.

The above nomination must be received by me either in hand or by mail on or before Friday January 8, 2010 at the close of business 5 pm EST. Please mail or deliver the packet to me at the below address.

Governor Jeffrey S. Pelkey
125 Old Post Road.
Kittery, Maine 03904.

The Rotary manual of procedure (MOP), referred to in the above bylaw section may be found by visiting the Rotary website at www.Rotary.org.

District leadership is all of our responsibility. We have a cadre of outstanding current and past leaders in this District that are always willing and available to help. Please do your part to help this continue.

Yours Truly in Rotary Service and Peace;
DG. Jeff

Mark Your Calendars

The District Membership Seminar

October 28th
Be There!

**Request for Relief Assistance**

Good Day District 7780 Rotarians and Friends;

I am certain by now you have all heard the stories of personal loss that our friends and fellow Rotarians from the Philippines have been enduring during this past week, in the wake of the natural disaster that has affected them.

Last week when we received word of the first storm that hit them, I spoke with Past District Governor Liz Cullen, who served as our District Governor during our Group Study Exchange (GSE) with the Philippines. She in turn has been in communication with our counter parts in the affected areas.

PDG Liz has learned that our greatest support to them from District 7780 would be financial.

There are a number of Disaster Relief Organizations on the ground trying to meet the immediate needs of the people in the area.

Their hope is for us to get some financial help to them, to purchase the goods needed to help meet



the immediate needs and to look to the future needs.

I have appointed PDG Liz our District Foundation Chair, to serve as our District Liaison to the Philippines to help coordinate this effort.

If your club or you personally would like to be a part of this relief effort, please send donations to:

**District 7780- Note for Philippines Relief to:
District Treasurer Luke Guerrette;
510 Webhannet Dr. Wells, Maine 04090.**

**For questions or to offer help with this effort please contact;
PDG. Liz Cullen – lizcullen@yahoo.com or 978.9487345.**

Thank you for all you do-
DG Jeff

LITERACY CORNER

Four-Way Test Essay & Speaking Contest

2009-2010

Governor Jeff Pelkey is pleased to announce that we will once again hold a district wide "Four-Way Test Essay & Public Speaking Contest." This contest is an effort to introduce the Rotary Four-Way Test to young people as a means

of making ethical decisions. It is an opportunity for Rotary clubs and our district to promote literacy in terms of quality expression of ideas and experiences through the written and spoken word.



This year the contest is open to all high school students attending public or private high school in the communities of participating Rotary clubs in district 7780.

Rotary clubs should contact their local high schools to promote the four-way test contest today. Material must be original in content, written by the contestant and must have Rotary's four-way test applied to the topic of their written essay.

For more detailed information, timeline, application & rules, visit the 4-Way Test Contest Page on our district website

<http://www.rotary7780.org/4WayTestEssay.cfm>

From the Literacy Resource Coordinator

Rotary International and the Rotary International Literacy Resource Group (RILRG) are encouraging all clubs and members here in the United States and all over the world to keep literacy in the forefront of the things that we do in our communities - partner with schools, local libraries, non-profits, NGO's, the International Reading Association - implement new literacy programs, projects, etc., so together we may open up the doors to opportunities for every child and adult. Remember, there is no project too small or insignificant when it comes to promoting literacy.

I have been updating the district website with information and resources on literacy and will continue to update the site with timely information. I hope that you or perhaps your literacy chair or service project chair will take the time to review the information posted under the literacy tab from time to time. <http://www.rotary7780.org/>

DISTRICT AND ZONE LITERACY AWARDS - Each year clubs in our district are acknowledged for their literacy achievements at the end of the Rotary year. (local and international projects, whether through financial support or hands on) See the brochure and citation link below for the criteria. In 2008-2009, twelve clubs received district literacy awards and six clubs received zone literacy awards. There is little doubt that our district is making a difference with literacy, not only in our own communities in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, but in communities all over the world. Governor Jeff and I encourage you and your club members to strive to achieve this award.

Literacy Awards Brochure and Citation - Deadline to submit to Penny Jett, April 15, 2010
<http://rotary7780.clubwizard.com/IMUpload/literacy%20awards%20brochure%2009-101.doc>

FOUR-WAY TEST ESSAY AND SPEAKING CONTEST - Once again, the district is very proud to be holding a district wide 4-way test essay and speaking contest. All information can be found on the district website. <http://www.rotary7780.org/4WayTestEssay.cfm> Now is the time to promote the contest at your local high schools - you will find a sample letter on the website that can be sent to area principals, teachers, interact clubs, etc. as well as the guidelines and rules. This is open to all high school students in public or private schools in our district.

PRESS RELEASE - Here is a link below to a press release that you could add to and or modify and send out to your local newspaper(s) promoting literacy in your community
<http://rotary7780.clubwizard.com/IMUpload/literacy%20press%20release%20website.doc>

I am asking that you or another member of your club provide me with a list of the literacy projects that your club is or has been involved in and as your year progresses to please keep me informed of all of your literacy involvement. (reading programs, scholarships, financial support for literacy projects, matching or district simplified grant awards for literacy, 4 way test contests, donating books and school supplies, dictionary projects or whatever you may be involved in) One of my jobs as the literacy coordinator is to report to the RILRG all that District 7780 is supporting. I would be happy to have you e-mail me any photos, press releases, and just simply keep me up to date with your literacy efforts.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you or provide further support.

Yours in Rotary service,
Penny Jett
Rotary District 7780
Literacy Resource Coordinator
2009-2010

Five District 7780 Clubs Awarded Matching Grants

Congratulations to all the clubs that were awarded Rotary Foundation Matching Grants this year which will help improve the lives of less fortunate individuals throughout the developing world. Since July, the following grants have been awarded:

Lead Club	Other Clubs Participating in Grant	Grant Description	Club Contributions	District Contribution	Total Value of Grant	Country receiving funds
Exeter	Newburyport, Portsmouth	Sustainable garden	(3 clubs) \$6,750	\$5,000	\$20,896	Niger
Durham GB	--	Pediatric hospital equipment	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$24,318	Egypt
Brunswick Coastal	--	School renovation	\$3,300	\$3,298	\$11,996	Uganda
Casco Bay	BBH, Exeter, other clubs in other districts	Facility to build wheelchairs	(3 clubs) \$2,000	\$2,000	\$63,350	Nigeria
Casco Bay	Bridgton, Portland, Bethel, Oxford, BBH, Fryeburg, other clubs in six other districts	Wheelchairs, delivery truck	(7 clubs) \$8,000	\$5,000	\$54,865	Nigeria

Unfortunately, due to the economic downturn coupled with high demand, the Rotary Foundation's pool to support even more Matching Grants has now been expended this fiscal year. This does not mean, however, that the Matching Grant program has been suspended! In fact, the District will continue to match D-7780 club funds dollar-for-dollar up to \$5000 on qualified grants. Therefore, although the grants may be smaller, at least we can continue our good works in developing nations. At least six grants, involving the financial support of ten clubs, are planning to take advantage of this opportunity. To learn specifics, get in touch with **Marty Helman**, grants coordinator, 207-633-6336, grants@walterfoundation.org. And for those clubs what were awarded grants last fiscal year, it's probably close to time to file interim reports to account for money expended and good work underway. Get in touch with Marty with any questions or concerns!

**EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)
Adds Up To Better Life for Children**

We often wonder how our contribution of \$100.00 to Our Rotary Foundation can make a difference.

Last month I asked, Has Rotary had an impact on your life?

Let me quote from the EREY Newsletter from August 2008 to show you the impact our contributions have had on some of the lives around the world.

“A life-saving one, say residents of three villages in the Dominican Republic. Before a Foundation Matching Grant project installed bore wells there, waterborne diseases claimed the lives of one out of every five children.

“After they drilled the well, the children stopped dying,” a woman in one village told visiting Rotarians from District 5950 in Minnesota which sponsored the project.

Foundation grant projects supported by Rotarians in several countries also help meet the pressing needs of children and their families in Niger, the poorest country in the world. The projects are enabling nomadic people to replace their cattle herds, extending microcredit to women, installing water wells and establishing grain banks.

“A little goes such a long way here,” says a visiting Rotarian from Benin.

A US \$100 contribution to the Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund can provide a cooking stove for a family in Guatemala; \$500 – insecticide treated nets to protect 400 children against malaria in Tanzania; \$1,000 – a bore well supplying safe water to 25 families in rural India.”

Give today and change the life of children – our future!

Marie A. Williams
Annual Giving Chair 2009-10
mawilliamspdg@comcast.net

 Added October 19 2009
 Volunteers!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Participate

Expand your Horizons.....

Volunteers!



This is a call to Service and a call to Action. Please consider involving yourself with volunteer work for the District for

Rotary year 2010-2011.

Here is your opportunity to take part in District initiatives, harness your skills and leverage your passion. Help us build leadership capacity. Share your skills and talents. Get involved in a way that is both meaningful and practical. Discover the personal benefits of service supporting our organization as we build on yesterday to make a stronger tomorrow.

We are looking for committed individuals willing to follow through on their volunteer commitment. If you have an interest in being part of any of the following District activities and programs, please contact District Governor Elect Ann Lee Hussey at:
annlee001@yahoo.com.

- Public Relations
- Polio Plus Subcommittee
- TRF Annual Giving Subcommittee
- Vocational Service
- 2011 District Conference
- Youth Services
- Health and Hunger Resources
- Membership and Extension
- World Community Service
- Water Resources
- Community Service
- Rotary Friendship Exchange
- Rotarian Action Groups and Fellowships
- RI Convention Promotion for New Orleans

Please realize we cannot accommodate all requests but we will certainly try our best to keep you involved.

Please send your name and contact information, your area of interest and any professional involvement to support your interest.

Many thanks,
DGE Ann Lee Hussey
annlee001@yahoo.com

CLUB News

Club supports 4-H Camp, and children in Haiti

The **Bethel Rotary** has been granted a Rotary District Simplified Grant in the amount of \$2,000 for building a greenhouse and chicken tractor at the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center. These will be used as part of the Sustain Maine Initiative with the goal of sponsoring and supporting the use and awareness of sustainable agricultural practices within the camps programs and in the community. Construction of the greenhouse should begin in October.

One of our other international projects is Project Hope, a community in Haiti consisting of an orphanage, school, farm and medical facilities for children unable to be cared for by their families. A generous donor has challenged Hope Village supporters. You can help us help them by going to their web site, www.freethekids.org and sign up for email updates. Then, click the "Tell-A-Friend" button to spread the word of their mission. For every five e-cards that you send, their sponsor will purchase a chicken for the farm at Hope Village. They are hoping to add chicken and eggs to the children's diet more frequently. To do that they need more chickens for a sustainable poultry population. Raising and breeding chickens is a valuable skill they can teach the children today, so they can have independence tomorrow.

Local service projects

Upcoming Bethel community service activities include installing a handicap access ramp for a local resident and assisting residents with weatherization installations.



The Interact Club of the Bethel Rotary Club has organized for the 2009-2010 school year. The club is comprised of students from both Telstar High School and Gould Academy. Bethel Rotarian advisors are Michele Perejda (at left) and Kathy Kunkle (at right).

Boothbay Harbor Thanks Local First Responders

"Hometown Heroes" is the **Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club's** response to September 11. Every year since then, we have taken time out to thank our local First Responders – police, fire, EMS, Coast Guard – for the work they do every day to keep us safe. This year we threw a picnic for all our Responders and their families, and had a sell-out crowd of 120 First Responders, families, and Rotarians! While a few hardy souls slung dogs and burgers on the grills, the kids bounced in inflatable jumping cages, lent to us for the occasion. Then came the picnic, and after we all had our fill, the evening's program – and a few special awards – were presented. We're especially proud that Rotary daughter Christin Bailey and Rotary granddaughter Chelsie Graves were among those honored for their quick thinking and rapid responses in a time of crisis.



Boothbay Harbor Police Chief Bob Hasch joined the Rotary Club in recognizing three local citizens who responded quickly and helped save lives in separate incidents in our community this year. From left: Bridget Spofford, Chief Hasch, Christin Bailey, daughter of Rotarian Bill Bailey, and Chelsie Graves, granddaughter of Rotarians Deb and Daren Graves.

Rotary Fun:



On September 28, the **Rotary Club of Kittery** took an opportunity to relax and enjoy the fellowship with a very “upscale” potluck social. Almost the entire club was able to turn out at the beautiful home of Frank and Ruth Clark on Chauncey Creek.



Well represented were spouses and family including Peter and Matt Robinson who have been volunteering with their Dad Alan at Club projects since they were very young (Matt now tops 6’3”). Organized by club members Suzie Rydza and Greg Rydza, the evening was enhanced by Chef Todd Sweet of Kittery Estates who volunteered to prepare the entree and helped coordinate but took time to join us all in the garden to watch the sunset over the Kittery Point Harbor.



Our Youth Exchange student from Italy, Luca Regallo brought pictures from the recent District organized white water rafting trip, even our hard working District Governor made an unofficial appearance with his very patient wife Julie.

The **Rotary Club of Portsmouth** had a special guest speaker this month. Club member Janice Cassidy proudly introduced her son, Commander Chris Cassidy.

In some children, a drive to succeed is part of the package. In his case, Janice recounted, each accomplishment required persistence, patience and the confidence to persist and not lose sight of his goals. Commander Cassidy's persistence paid off with a successful high school football career, followed by admission to the Naval Academy.

Once in the Navy, Chris became not only a Navy Seal, but honor man for his class. His active duty unit in Afghanistan in 2001 was responsible for discovering a network of underground caves and they risked their lives to stay in the area until they had successfully dismantled the enemy command.

For many, this might have been enough for one career, but Commander Cassidy's dreams and goals did not end with a Congressional Medal for his military service. In 2004, he was one of 14 chosen out of a field of 3000 to become a NASA Astronaut.



The opportunity came for Chris to go into orbit on Space Shuttle 127 this summer, along with 6 other crew members, on a relatively long mission of 16 days, to the Space Station now in orbit. The Space Station is inhabited by a multi-national crew, most of whom spend 6 months at a time in outer space. The 11 days that the crew of the SS127 spent docked at the Space Station were spent doing robotic work on the exterior of the structure, refueling and supplying the Station. Chris described how peaceful and beautiful Earth looks from outer space, and how much he enjoyed meeting so many amazing people from many different countries.

Saco, Maine - Saturday, September 19, 2009 was declared a “Day of Service” by Club President, Dennis Robillard at the **Rotary Club of Saco Bay**. Club members were encouraged to pitch-in to assist in the renovation of the Old Orchard Beach Ball Park that has fallen on hard times in the past decade. Community leaders for the renovation, Linda Jenkins and Tom LeChance, partnered with Rotary club member and resident, Greg Cloutier, to provide over a dozen Rotarians an opportunity to get their hands dirty. Raking and prepping the infield, laying thousands of square feet of outfield sod and distributing top-surface clay in and around the infield were the highlights of the day’s activities.



Dennis Robillard



Jim McAvoy

Tom LeChance said at an afternoon luncheon “We have been working on this project for months, every Saturday a bunch of people show up and do their best. Today’s Day of Service has brought the project to a point where you can sit in the grandstands and see real results! It’s true, when you want something done, all you have to do is ask a Rotarian”



Leo Minard with Lucie & Phil Hatch and Katey Dydowicz



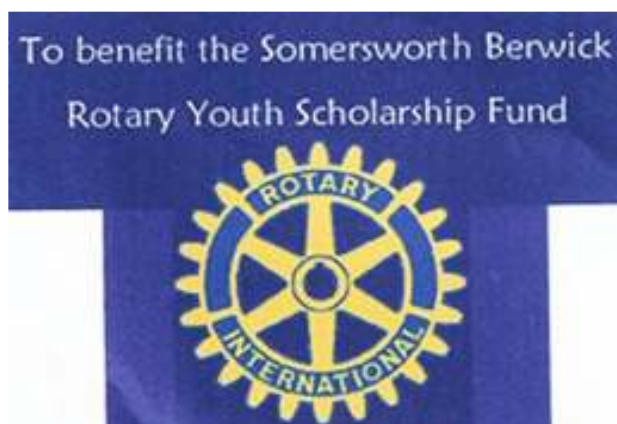
Linda Jenkins, Greg Cloutier, and Tom LeChance

Somersworth-Berwick Rotary Club


Bill Paradis Memorial
Seven Hills 5k Road Race
And
Family Fun Walk

On October 10th the Somersworth-Berwick Rotary Club held the 2009 Bill Paradis Memorial SEVEN HILLS 5K ROAD RACE & FAMILY FUN WALK. The race benefits the Somersworth-Berwick Rotary Youth Scholarship Fund. Programs supported include the Somersworth Youth Connection, and after school and summer learning program for at-risk middle school students, the High school Interact Club and two \$1000 scholarships.

The Seven Hills race is a challenging race for someone looking for endurance training and would like to support scholarship for Berwick and Somersworth Seniors. Following the Race from 10 to 4 at Somersworth Plaza on Main St is the Annual Pumpkin Festival. This is a great day for Runners/Walkers and their families.



<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/7780/5397/html/71937/2009roadraceFlyer.pdf>

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