



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
— Margaret Mead

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District 7780 News

"From the Mountains to the Sea"

Ann Lee Hussey, District Governor

www.rotary7780.org

April 3, 2011

How Many Lives Will You Save?

As I continue to travel around the District, visiting clubs, projects and fundraisers, I continue to be impressed with all that our Clubs accomplish. When combined as a total whole, the work of Rotary is evident in our communities.

But at one recent meeting I was stopped short by a Rotarian's personal concern. I had finished my talk and as I was leaving she thanked me and expressed how she wished she could do more. I have been haunted by the words of her personal struggle, expressed to me as, "How many people will die on my watch? Isn't this a question we all should be asking of ourselves?"

I am reminded of the questions I had asked each of you at the beginning of our year, "How many lives will you change? How many lives will you save?" As we enter the last quarter of our Rotary year together, I pose these questions to you once again.

We are one global community made up of multiple neighborhoods. Those in need are all around us. Ponder for a moment these statistics:

- 3.575 million people die from water-related disease each year.
- Every 20 seconds, a child dies from a water-related disease.
- 2.5 billion people lack access to improved sanitation, including 1.2 billion people who have no facilities at all. Worldwide, more people have cell phones than access to a toilet.
- 774 million adults in the world are illiterate — people who cannot read or write. 2/3 of all non-literates are women.
- Every year 15 million children die of hunger.
- Preventable diseases claim the lives of 11

million children annually.

- 3 billion people in the world today struggle to survive on US\$2/day.
- 1000 women die daily from pregnancy and childbirth.

In the time it has taken you to read this sentence, someone has died of hunger and we know that 1 out of 8 children under the age of twelve in the U.S. goes to bed hungry every night — some of them live in your town.

Our polio program has immunized billions of children and also increased the immunization rates of all preventable diseases. Polio, chickenpox, whooping cough, measles and diphtheria are not diseases of the past and many still reside at low levels here in the U.S. They remain a plane ride away. Yet here in our own nation, 20

percent of two-year-olds still are not fully immunized.

As the last quarter of our Rotary year begins, take pride in all that you have accomplished thus far and may that enthusiasm carry us forward to continue to do even more than any of us thought possible. Let us take to heart the question, "How many will die on my

watch?" We CAN say yes when asked to give of our time with our Club projects. We CAN save lives here and overseas and change the statistics you just read with a contribution to our Rotary Foundation. Our Foundation contributions will provide clean water, build sanitation facilities, create smiles, provide food, supply vaccines, and enable others to read, here and abroad.

Thank you for your generous compassion to "do good" in our world, continuing Rotary's work of Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

How many lives will you save this year?

—Governor Ann Lee Hussey



Gov. Ann Lee joins Hampton Club's Purple Pinkie Project

Save the Date! Save the Date! Save the Date!

APRIL

Saturday, April 2 — Rotary Leadership Institute at Dartmouth Medical Center, Lebanon, NH. Sign up at www.rlinea.com.

Saturday, April 2 — Deadline for Clubs to get their 2010-11 Governor's Citation questionnaires to their Assistant Governors.

Wednesday, April 6 — Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., Cumberland Club.

Saturday, April 9 — District Assembly at Westbrook Middle School, 471 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook, ME. All incoming club officers urged to participate.



April 18-May 17 — Inbound Group Study Exchange team arrives from Hong Kong for four-week stay in our District.



Thursday, April 28 — World Community Service Committee meeting. Contact Roland Gagne: serviceabove-self@road-runner.com

Saturday, April 30 — Rotarians at Work Day.



MAY

Sunday, May 1 — Each club's 2011-12 Rotary Foundation giving goals are due to Gary Speers, District Governor-elect.

May 1-16 — Inbound Friendship exchange team here from India.



Contact Peggy Belanger, ms3.mab@smmc.org if you are interested in hosting Rotarians from India's District 3060 in your home and at your club.

Thursday, May 12 — Preconference activities include Four Way Test Speech Contest and Governor's Council meeting at the Portland Marriott Sable Oaks. See page 4 for more.

Friday May 13 — Service opportunities prior to official start of District Conference in Portland. See page 4 for details.

May 13-14 — 7780 District Conference, Portland Marriott Sable Oaks. Plenary speakers include Jim Mouslen, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland; humanitarians Roger Cram and Khassan Baiev, PDG Saliu Ahmed from Nigeria, and more. See page 4 for more.



May 21-25 — Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. "Laisser les bon temps rouler ... encore!" Sign up online at www.rotary.org.



May 31 — Deadline for clubs to send RYLA applications to the District. Send them to RYLA7780@yahoo.com

JUNE

Wednesday, June 1 — Each club's 2011-12 membership growth goals are due to Gary Speers, District Governor-elect.

Wednesday, June 1 — Final 2010-11 district simplified grant reports due to Todd Doolan, todd.h.doolan@mssb.com

Wednesday, June 15 — District Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., Cumberland Club, Portland.



Rebuilding Japan

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas. Rotarians and non-Rotarians can donate online. Via "Member Access" on the rotary.org website.

You can also donate by check made payable to The Rotary Foundation. Make sure your check includes the notation "Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, #G10005." Mail your contribution to:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693

It's important to remember that the Rotary Foundation is not a first responder and does not fund immediate relief efforts. Rather, the monies donated to the Disaster Recovery Fund will go to support longer-term recovery efforts.

Contributions designated to the fund count toward Rotary club and district total contribution goals. However, they are not eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition and do not count toward club and district Annual Programs Fund goals.



Why I am a Rotarian

"My favorite Rotary activities are ones that benefit our youth, like our support of the vocational school programs, the Interact clubs, and our Patriots Day road race. I also feel strongly about the Rotary Foundation. I believe it is the greatest charity in existence, and I am trying to make a difference as the Foundation Chair for our club.

"We do such great things collectively to promote world peace and understanding. Providing clean drinking water to a village in India, funding a mobile dental clinic for refugees in Azerbaijan, providing hands-on vocational training and scholarships to students in our communities and, well, the list goes on and on.

"The imminent eradication of the polio virus from the face of the Earth will be one of Rotary's greatest achievements, and I like the feeling of accomplishment that my participation provides.

"I am proud to be a fourth-generation Rotarian. My great-grandfather was a charter member and past president of our club. My grandfather was also a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow, and my mother (shown with me in photo at top) was the first female member of our club. So I come by it honestly!

Jason Beever

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Save the Date! Save the Date! (continued)

Thursday, June 23 — District Changeover dinner, Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME.

June 26—June 29 — RYLA program for high school sophomores (rising juniors) at Camp Hinds, Maine.

JULY

Saturday, July 30 — District Simplified Grant applications due to the District.

AUGUST

Saturday, August 13 — PETS preplanning meeting, 9:00 a.m., Framingham Sheraton.

August 25-28 — 24-32 Zone Institute, Boston.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 10 — PETS preplanning meeting, 9:00 a.m., Nashua Marriott.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1 — NorthEast LINK training for international students.

Sunday, October 2 — PETS preplanning meeting, 12:00 p.m., Boxborough, MA

Saturday, October 22 —RLI at Lewiston-Auburn College, Lewiston, ME. Sign up at www.rlinea.org

Monday, October 24 — World Polio Day.

Oct. 30—Nov. 12 — District Rotaplast mission to DaNang, Vietnam. Contact Bill Dunn, wdunn@sunsetpoint.biz

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 5 — RLI at Stafford Technical Center, Rutland, VT. Sign up at www.rlinea.com

Saturday, November 5 — PETS preplanning meeting, 9:00 a.m., Nashua Marriott.

late November, date TBA: Polio Plus eradication mission to Nigeria, led by Gov. Ann Lee. Speak to her for details.

2012

Monday, Jan. 30, 2012 —Mid-Year Leadership Dinner for all club presidents, presidents elect and vice presidents.

Saturday, March 3, 2012 — RLI at York County Community College, Wells, ME.

March 8-10, 2012 — Multi-district President-Elect Training Seminar for all 2012-13 presidents, Sheraton Conference Center, Framingham, MA.

Saturday, March 31, 2012 — RLI at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

May 6-9, 2012 — Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.



May 18-20, 2012 — District Conference at the Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME.



2013

March 7-9, 2013 — Multi-district President-Elect Training Seminar for all 2012-13 presidents.

May 17-18, 2013 — District Conference at the Spruce Point Inn, Boothbay Harbor, ME.



June 23-26, 2013 — Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal.

Hands-on Service, Youth and Humanity Headline District Conference in May

The 2011 District Conference is set for Thursday-Saturday, May 12-14, at the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks. The program offers something for everyone — dynamic guest speakers, hands-on service projects, and lots of opportunities for fellowship and interaction.

The pre-Conference program kicks off with the District Four-Way Test Finalists on Thursday evening (see box, bottom of this page). Rotarians are invited to come for the Speech Contest and spend the night at the Marriott, ready to assemble for service projects bright and early on Friday morning. While some Rotarians will help refurbish a home for people with developmental disabilities through Port Resources, others will prepare mobility devices collected for Crutches4Africa for shipment.



The Conference's Opening Ceremony will take place over lunch, and the afternoon will be devoted to "Building Communities" through community service projects and club visioning. We will also hear from our Indian inbound Friendship Exchange participants, as well as both inbound and outbound Group Study Exchange teams. Keynoters on Friday will include Rotary International President's rep and RIBI president Jim Moulson, Crutches4Africa founder Dave Talbot, and author and humanitarian Dr. Khassan Baiev.

Saturday's breakfast will be keynoted by PDG Candy Pierce, who will speak on the LN-4 hand project (see sidebar this page). We will hear about "Bridging Continents" through top international service projects and with a presentation from the District NID team, and about our New Generation programs of RYLA, Interact and Rotaract. We will also have an interactive session on ethics and vocational service in Rotary. Keynoters on Saturday will include Professor Roger Cram, speaking on peaceful crisis management, PDG Saliu Ahmed's perspective on polio in his home country of Nigeria and the high-school-age winner of Thursday's Four-Way Test contest.

Dinner, entertainment, and fellowship will abound both Friday and Saturday evenings. Register on the District website for all the fun!

4-Way Speech Contest Kicks off Pre-Conference Activities

Finalists of the District-wide high school Four Way Speech Contest will present at the Marriott Sable Oaks on Thursday, May 12, at 7:00 pm, the evening prior to the start of the District Conference. All Rotarians are invited to attend and urged to bring new and prospective members to hear another side of Rotary. You may also wish to spend the night at the Marriott, to be fresh and ready for service projects, which start at 7:30 am Friday!



Give a Hand

The LN-4 Hand project provides prosthetic hands to victims of land mines, birth defects and other causes who need below-elbow prosthetics, all at no cost to the recipient.

Candy Pierce, past district governor from District 5160 in California and a LN-4 board member, will speak of the program and its growing success at our District Conference.

Tens of thousands of people of all ages and nationalities survive land mines, vehicular, industrial and agricultural accidents, acts of violence and war, or are born without upper limbs...and are unable to obtain a functional prosthetic hand.

There is tremendous need for a simple, low-cost prosthetic hand in countries and places where many people cannot afford currently available prosthetics and professional assistance required.

The LN-4 Foundation meets this need with the LN-4 prosthetic hand.

The program, which is supported by many Rotary club and districts, is currently active in 41 countries.

Destination: West Africa

While 7780 Rotarians prepare the mobility devices for shipment, Dave Talbot, Crutches4 Africa founder and a speaker at our upcoming District Conference, is organizing their delivery. At bottom of page are photos of potential recipients in Nigeria who can benefit from our surplus crutches, canes and walkers.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rotarians Sort and Pack Mobility Devices for Africa

More than 40 people from eight Rotary clubs plus two Interact clubs came together on a recent Saturday to sort, organize and wrap approximately 3000 pairs of crutches, plus walkers and canes for shipment to Africa. At the end of a highly productive day, another 1500 still need to be organized. Next step: To load a 40 foot container with the mobility devices, and that will take place at the District Conference!



The Last Bastion

By Ted Trainer, District PolioPlus Chair

After careful examination of the extensive data available on the polio eradication campaign I continue to think that the last bastion will be Pakistan. Two months ago I gave an over-view of the Pakistan scenario, pointing out the basic challenges and expressing optimism on the final outcome. Since then, thanks to the wonders of social networking, I have found Facebook friends in Lahore, where I lived from 1983-1988, who are actively engaged in the polio eradication program. Shifa Tayyab is a local WHO staffer in the Punjab and Muhammad Umair Mushtaq is a research-oriented medical doctor at the Allama Iqbal Medical College in Lahore. Any reader of this column is welcomed to contact them through Facebook, giving my name if you want. They are most engaging and quite willing to give their views on the program. (There is also another Facebook page: Polio Eradication in Pakistan. I have not yet found out who is behind it but there are lots of references to Rotary and the Gates Foundation.)

My two new Facebook friends have been feeding me lots of information about the current campaign and also locally available program analyses. They provide a hard-to-obtain perspective on how PolioPlus is really going over there. My optimism on the final outcome remains, but there are many obstacles, ranging from the political (particularly in the tribal areas where the USA is aggressively chasing the Taliban) to the technical and managerial.

Muhammad Mushtaq sent me a study he recently conducted of the polio eradication program in Punjab Province – a progressive region with 70 million people generally ahead of the other parts of the country in economic and social development. Mush-taq pointed out what might seem to be a very depressing array of issues. I present these problems not to discourage you but to commend the honesty of the research and to again point out that ***my friends over there have a knack for solving all problems if the leadership sets its mind to it.*** I think that will happen when push comes to shove in the polio endgame. In the meantime they have some issues to work on:

- ◆ Poor condition of the cold chain (which is supposed to keep the vaccine viable in the hot weather)
- ◆ Poor program and demographic data
- ◆ Electricity and security problems at the health facilities
- ◆ Weak management skills in allocating financial and personnel resources
- ◆ Excess political and bureaucratic influences
- ◆ Poorly trained workers at all levels
- ◆ Limited advocacy and communication resources and generally not locally relevant
- ◆ Unreliable reporting and poor monitoring and supervising systems.

All these issues are solvable, as we are now finding in the parts of India which showed the same catalog of challenges. It will happen!



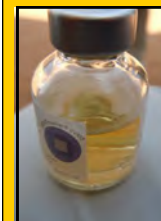
END POLIO NOW

Let's Make a Deal

Recently, the Topsham Club heard a presentation from Marty Helman about Polio Plus and the District-wide NID led by DG Ann Lee last November.

As part of her presentation, Marty showed a vial that, when full, held enough serum to immunize 20 children.

At the end of the meeting, Topsham president Nick Knobil offered to buy the vial from Marty in exchange for a \$100 donation to Polio Plus. That deal made, Nick then turned



and challenged his club members to purchase the vial from him.

Polio Plus Society flyers were quickly distributed to club members, and within a remarkably short time, the club had raised \$400, the Polio Plus Society had four new members, and Marty went home with the vial in her pocket!

Members of the Polio Plus Society pledge to give \$100 per year to Polio Plus as long as the disease remains endemic. Check it out on the District website, or email Ted Trainer, District Polio Plus chair, for more: tedtrainer@roadrunner.com.

Apply for a District Simplified Grant!

Got an idea for a service project and wondering how to raise the money? A Rotary Foundation Simplified Grant (DSG) may be just the ticket.

The service project must:

- ◆ Be new to the club.
- ◆ Be started and completed in fiscal year 2011-12.
- ◆ Follow the grant guidelines set forth by The Rotary Foundation (check the guidelines out at www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/hg_eligibility_guidelines_en.pdf)

In addition, it must:

- ◆ Involve a good percentage of club members in hands-on service.
- ◆ Support a fair number of people.
- ◆ Provide good PR for the club.
- ◆ Be in one of Rotary's "Areas of Focus".

The financials are as follows:

- ◆ The club can apply for up to \$3000.
- ◆ The club must contribute a minimum of \$500 to the grant request.

The District has almost \$18,000 in Simplified Grant funds to disperse in the new fiscal year. To qualify, download the application from the district website, and contact John Atwood, 2011-12 DSG coordinator: atwood@midcoast.com.

Deadline for applications to be received by John Atwood is July 31. Don't be late!

ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Putting Foundation Dollars To Work Both Here and Abroad

Marty Peak Helman, District Grants Subcommittee Chair

Where do our Foundation dollars go?

Half of the money contributed to the Rotary Foundation by District 7780 Rotarians goes into the Rotary Foundation World Fund and is used each year to support the Foundation programs that mean the most to us. Our District Foundation Committee directly determines how the other half will be spent.

This year, thanks to the previous generosity of District Rotarians, the District had close to \$100,000 in Rotary Foundation District Designated Funds (the funds that we as a District directly determine how to spend). Here's how that money was put to work:

Ten District clubs were awarded Simplified Grants worth a total of \$15,000, and are putting the money to good purpose in their home communities.

The District is supporting **eight Matching Grants**, all of which started either as individual club projects or were envisioned by our District teams who traveled this year to Nigeria on the polio eradication trip and Hong Kong with Group Study Exchange.

These Matching Grants run the gamut from literacy projects to water projects and — new this year for our District — a project to provide birth control education and options in the Dominican Republic. This Matching Grant is led by Freeport, and involves the contributions of Portland and South Berwick-Eliot.

In addition to the Dominican Republic, this year's Matching Grants will help people in as disparate locations as India and Guatemala and China and Poland and Nigeria.

To support these eight Matching Grants, ten District clubs raised a total of \$29,000. (Some club contributions were as small as \$500; others ranged in the multi-thousand-dollar range.) The District contributed an additional \$26,000 and, once the contributions of clubs outside our District plus the Rotary Foundation World Fund match is included, the total value of these grants is a whopping \$273,177.

Some more of our Foundation dollars were used to support our **Group Study Exchange** team to Hong Kong and Mongolia.

And, to support club giving and Rotary's corporate campaign, the District Foundation Committee is writing a sizeable check to Polio Plus.

Meanwhile, the Portland Club sponsored a **Peace Scholar** in Buenos Aires this year. His scholarship was entirely paid for out of the Rotary Foundation World Fund (at no cost to either the club or the District).



The District Foundation Committee meets as part of its mandate to decide how to spend "our" hard-earned Foundation dollars.

District 7780 Clubs Support AIDS Orphans In Kwazulu Natal, South Africa



From mobile clinics in Mfolzi to orphanages in Marrinahill. From water projects in Mvoti to Step Down centers in Greytown, South Africa. Thousands of the poorest of poor in these rural areas of South Africa are cared for daily in sustainable projects designed by Rotarians around the world and on the ground and funded with the support of the Rotary Foundation.

Rotarians from multiple clubs throughout District 7780 have been actively involved in many of these projects for more than 20 years and should rejoice in the fact that our efforts have positively impacted the lives of tens of thousands of desperately disadvantaged people. The people of Kwazulu Natal are grateful beyond words.

—President John Dennen, Brunswick Coastal Club



Some of the 400 AIDS orphans at Mvoti pose for the camera (at top) and at center, are girls who are heads of households because of AIDS. At left, 7780 Rotarian John Dennen shops for \$1000 worth of food for Jabulani, thanks to an annual donation from the Brunswick Coastal Club.



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

GSE Vocational Team Travels in Hong Kong, Macao, Mongolia



The Group Study Exchange team from our District has shared vocational experiences and Rotary fellowship in Hong Kong and Macao and Mongolia. They will bring us up to date on their experiences at the District Conference and are also available to speak to individual clubs.

Meanwhile, the incoming team from China will arrive in Portland on April 16. Chair Grace Connolly is firming up plans for their time here — with all our contributions, we can make their time in New England as memorable as their home district did for our team! Contact Grace for last minute details:
grace.connolly@verizon.net



Rotary Leadership Institute Graduates Next Generation of Leaders



District 7780 gained four new Rotary Leadership Institute graduates last month. Here, Ilse Yanis and Jim Price (from Breakwater Daybreak), Marge Barker (South Portland Cape Elizabeth), and Karen Schlegel (Kennebunk Portside) are congratulated by RLI officers Brad Jett, Ally Boucher, John Rainone, and by Governor Ann Lee. District 7790's David Kahl also graduated from RLI and stands at back. Dates for next year's RLI programs are set (check out the calendar on page 3 of this newsletter) and think about investing in your Rotary career through Rotary Leadership Institute.

Bill Gates Joins Keynoters At Convention in New Orleans

Bill Gates (top photo) will be a keynote speaker during the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans in May. The Gates Foundation has awarded \$355 million in challenge grants to Rotary for use in the campaign to rid the world of polio. Other speakers will include Michael McQueen (shown at bottom), founder of the Nexgen Group, who will discuss understanding Generation Y, and Patrick Chisanga, vice chair of the District Governors Review Committee, who will speak about Rotary's role in Africa.

And, this is New Orleans! Headline entertainers will include Grammy-winning trumpeter and bandleader Irvin Mayfield, the renown Preservation Hall Jazz Band (center photo), and jazz pianist Ronnie Kole. Register for the Conference online at www.rotary.org. *Laissez les bon temps rouler ... encore!*



There's an App for That!

Doing a Rotary "makeup" while traveling on business or vacation is highly recommended, and for reasons that go well beyond attendance policies.

After all, when you visit another club, you are sure to get a good meal, usually at a good price, you'll meet like-minded individuals who care about their local community and are committed to service above self and, best of all ... when that clipboard inevitably comes around you don't have to volunteer!

Most clubs in this country advertise their presence with a sign on the outskirts of town. More of us rely on www.rotary.org to find club meetings ... click on the "Club Locator" button on the top right of the home page, enter the name of the town you are interested in, and go from there!

And now there's a downloadable iPhone app to find Rotary club makeups. In the Apple app store it's called the Rotary Club Locator from Rotary International. The app also will soon be offered for Android phones as well.



They are bright, young, energetic, and they believe in service above self. They are the 90-plus high school Interact club members from across the District who came together at York High School last month for a Saturday of planning and learning from one another.

Discussion of the Four Way Test and how it relates to their "real" lives, international and local service opportunities, and fundraising ideas were all discussed and shared throughout the day, as was fellowship and pizza!

Meanwhile, club advisors got together and discovered that many of their concerns — as well as successes — are shared by more than one club.

Many thanks go to Kevin Raymond and the York Interact Club for hosting and planning the event, and to District Interact Chair George Bartlett for his counsel and experience.

YOUTH SERVICES

Interact Conference Brings Together Service-Oriented High School Youth



High school Interactors led many of the breakout sessions at the Conference (top). Youth Services chair Carolyn Johnson spoke to the advisors, who shared best practices (left). And Governor Ann Lee spoke about polio and charged the young people to do their best to change the world (below).



Happy Birthday, Westbrook-Gorham!



The Westbrook-Gorham club celebrated its 85 years of service with a birthday party last month, specially prepared by the VoTec Culinary Arts students who chef for the club on a weekly basis. The club has maintained extensive records dating from their earliest years — they even have the first Attendance Book which dates from their first club meetings! Westbrook Gorham may be 85 years old, but they are very much future oriented — here they show their support for Polio Plus and all the work Rotary is doing to eradicate the disease.

Bath Sunrise Bids Big at Boothbay Harbor Supper

Boothbay Harbor, in cooperation with the Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts, throws a fundraising Soup Bowl Supper each year in which diners enjoy a hearty supper of soups, chowders, chilis, and take home the one-of-a-kind hand-thrown ceramic bowl in which they ate their dinner. The sell-out supper of over 200 hungry diners frequently draws Rotarians from nearby clubs. This year, a table of Bath Sunrise Rotarians bid together and contributed \$140 just for the privilege of going through the serving line first! Guess they know what's good!



On the Move ...

The **Portland Rotary Club** is moving to the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland. Effective Friday, May 20, join Portland for lunch at 12:15 pm.

The **Scarborough Rotary Club** has also moved, just across the Mall from their old location. Join them Tuesdays at 5:30 pm in Cabela's Conference Room, 100 Cabela's Blvd. in Scarborough.

Meanwhile, the Rumford Club is now officially the **River Valley Rotary Club** of the Greater Rumford Area. The name change promotes the fact that the Club services a larger community than just the town of Rumford. Join them Tuesday mornings at 7:30 for breakfast at the 49 Franklin Reception Hall, 49 Franklin Street in Rumford.

John Heyl, age 104

John Heyl was a Rotarian for an amazing 73 years prior to his death last month at age 104. John, shown here



at his 101st birthday celebration, remembered the sinking of the *Titanic* as a current event. He first joined the Rotary Club in his native Allentown, PA in 1938 at age 32, and he transferred his membership to Boothbay Harbor when he and his wife retired there in 1973.



Pizza and Polio

Casco Bay Sunrise knows that if you want to educate people about polio eradication, you need to go where they are — and that's the local pizza joint. On Tuesday April 19, the Flatbread Company on Commercial Street, Portland, is giving the club a table in the popular pizza restaurant and an opportunity to talk to customers about polio eradication and Rotary membership. The restaurant is also donating \$\$\$ for each pizza sold, and the club will offer a 50/50 drawing. It's a winner-take-pizza event!

Casco Bay's initiative is just one of dozens of club fundraisers taking place all over the District that are making a difference in the fight to end polio. Purple pinkie projects ... road races ... bowl-a-thons ... even a purple pinkie prom ... all are making a difference and saving lives.

**ROTARY CLUB OF
CASCO BAY SUNRISE**



**END
POLIO
NOW**

CLUB NEWS

Televised Auction Raises \$50,000 For Biddeford Saco and Saco Bay Clubs

If you were flipping the channels the evening of March 20, than you may likely have tuned into Biddeford Saco and Saco Bay Rotary's annual **Community Auction**. The clubs have much more in common than their joint meeting space at the Captain's Galley in Old Orchard Beach.

For the past 22 years they have worked together on the auction which has become a community mainstay and which is projected to raise nearly \$50,000 this year. That money will be split between the clubs and used for community service projects.



2012-13 Club Presidents Gather At Multi-District Training Seminar



Next year's Club Presidents spent a weekend with their fellow presidents-elect from across New England at the annual Presidents-Elect Training Seminar held in Framingham, MA, recently. Keynoters included Rotary International President-elect Kalyan Banerjee (below) and Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ (far left). The full schedule of plenaries and breakouts also left time for a jazz-inspired "second line" to promote the upcoming Rotary International Convention in New Orleans indulged in by Governor-elect Gary Speers (shown at top), as well as fellowship and the chance to shop for Rotary regalia.





2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Sun Never Sets on Rotary

District 7780 – May 13-14, 2011

**Give Today So Others Can Walk Tomorrow!
Donate Used Crutches, Canes and Walkers***



Crutches4Africa Founder, David Talbot, with fortunate recipients from Tanzania & Kenya



Make this generic poster your own! Join the Crutches 4 Africa fight. Email Dennis Robillard at risc@ghi.net to learn more.

**For More Information or Questions call: xxx-xxxx
or go to: www.whateveryoursiteis.org or**



www.crutches4africa.org

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Take home this Quilt
created and donated by 16 Wrap-a-Smile quilters.
Quilt is 70 by 96 inches — perfect for a Queen or Full-Sized Bed
Value: \$1000

Tickets: \$5 apiece, 3 tickets for \$10
(make checks out to Rotary District 7780)
Available from any
District 7780 Rotaplast Committee Member.

All proceeds benefit Rotaplast cleft lip/ cleft palate repair mission.
Sponsored by Rotary District 7780 Rotaplast Committee
Drawing: Rotary District Conference, May 14, 2011
Need not be present to win!



APRIL 7, 2011
PORTSMOUTH ROTARY
ANNUAL AUCTION

WHAT: OUR ANNUAL AUCTION
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES
PROVIDING FOOD, SHELTER AND SCHOLARSHIPS
MEETING CHALLENGES IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEN: 6:00 TO 9:00 PM, LIVE AUCTION STARTS AT 8:00 PM

WHERE: HARBOR EVENTS CENTER-DOWNTOWN PORTSMOUTH
100 DEER STREET, RESIDENCE IN N. BY MARKET
LOTS OF CONVENIENT PARKING!

COST: TICKETS \$17 PER PERSON
APPETIZERS & DESSERT BUFFET PROVIDED (CASH BAR)

BID TO WIN: SILENT AUCTION, LIVE AUCTION, WINE RAFFLE, 50/50
TRIPLE TICKETS TO SPORTING EVENTS AND EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES
AND MUCH MORE!

INFO: SPONSOR A TABLE, BUY ADVANCE TICKETS
OR DONATE AUCTION ITEMS!

CONTACT: CASSANDRA W. BUE AT 433-433-1281
DONATE TO TICKETS ONLY AT 433-433-1281
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FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011
6:00 - 9:00 PM

at Southern Maine Community College
Culinary Arts Dining Room,
2 Fort Road, South Portland

TICKET COST: \$100 PP

Menu prepared by
Chef William Benner
Chef Will Beniau, CEC, CCE, AAC,
National Chef Educator of the Year
and SMCC Culinary Students

Wines selected by
Sommelier Jennifer Flock, CS

Proceeds benefit SMCC scholarships
and other Rotary Club charities

Sponsored by the Rotary Club
of Breakwater Daybreak,
South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

An Evening With Friends
FIVE-COURSE DINNER WITH PAIRED WINES

For more information or to purchase tickets
visit www.breakwater-rotary.org
or contact Alison Schneller at 207-767-6404, alison.schneller@peoples.com



18th Annual



Portsmouth Rotary Golf Tournament

Pease Golf Course

Friday, June 24th 2011

Shotgun Start 9am

*****ROTARY TEAM DIVISION*****

Four Person Scramble

\$125 Registration fee per player, includes: Green Fees, Cart, Lunch, Practice Range, Prizes and more

Each team in the ROTARY TEAM DIVISION must be comprised of FOUR Rotarians. The team that wins this division will get to hold the Portsmouth Rotary Cup trophy until the 2012 tournament.

Prizes Include

- Top Men's and Ladies Divisions
- Rotary Cup Award
- All Par 3's - Closet to the Pin
- Hole-in-One for New Car
- Long Drive Contest

Other Events

- Silent Auction
- Live Auction
- Exciting Raffle Prizes

Player Registration: Please make check to Portsmouth Rotary

Player #1 _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

**Return to: John Pratt c/o First Colebrook Bank
2400 Lafayette Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801**