



*"Limitations live only  
in our minds. But if we  
use our imaginations,  
our possibilities become  
limitless."*

—Jamie Paolinetti  
(marathon cyclist)

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# District 7780 News

*"From the Mountains to the Sea"*

**Ann Lee Hussey, District Governor**

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## Rotarians Build Peace

We have much to be grateful for as the calendar year draws to an end and families and friends surround us with love and warmth through the holidays.

I am constantly reminded of the impact Rotarians have on our world. The recent District polio immunization trip to Nigeria opened eyes and hearts to the realization of how Rotary can make a difference. I watched your fellow Rotarians as they entered into new surroundings so much different than home – truly stepping outside of their comfort zone, then suddenly finding comfort with the new. This is how Rotary works – new faces, new friends, new understanding – world peace.

I was happy to be back in Nigeria and grateful to finally see the school, built through persis-

DG Ann Lee with polio survivor Umma



tent prompting, by the state government. As we entered the recipient village, DGN Marty and I were met by a local chief and were deeply moved by his words, "My people were in darkness and they have now been brought to light through knowledge."

The benefits of working with Rotary are far-reaching throughout the world. Clubs in developing countries work to bring clean water, blood banks, education and more. Governments are discovering that with our help, all efforts are multiplied and a working partnership creates greater positive effects for all.

NID (National Immunization Days) team members leave the experience with a greater awareness and understanding and are motivat-

ed to help in other ways. Teams usually pack an extra suitcase to contribute educational and medical supplies to schools and clinics. Our district team was more generous than most.

Be proud of the Rotarians in your district who just completed their NID experience, and embrace the message they can bring to your club membership. They have walked the dusty streets in temperatures hovering around 100, held hands with children and adults – Muslims and Christians – worked tirelessly beside total strangers, painted classroom walls they may never see again, sang with weary but joyful voices and danced on tired feet. They dropped precious drops of polio vaccine into the mouths of children, and spread D-7780 fellowship and love throughout their journey. Along with Rotarians from other parts of the USA and Hong Kong, they made new friends, and immunized 10,480 children in four days. They represented you well and, on your behalf, thanked the local workers and Rotarians who work tirelessly every day on eradicating polio to get the job finished.

It is this personal involvement with Rotary that motivates others, grows membership in clubs, develops leaders, and creates service to humanity that is far greater and more productive than ever before. The same can be said for personal involvement within our local communities.

**A humanitarian is defined as "a person who works to make other people's lives better."** Rotarians are humanitarians and Rotary is making the world a better place. Rotary is an intricate puzzle and there are still some missing pieces. Someone next to you could be one of those missing pieces waiting to be asked to join.

Building Communities and Bridging Continents indeed is what Rotary is best at doing. As we work to create understanding and peace here at home, we find understanding and peace radiating outward beyond our borders. Together we can make Rotary better and we can make the world a better place. Each of us is needed to make change happen. Thank you for all you do.

Michael and I wish for you hearts and homes filled with an abundance of love and peace this holiday season.

— District Governor Ann Lee Hussey

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

### JANUARY

**Saturday, January 8** — Multidistrict preplanning PETS meeting, Nashua, NH.

**Saturday, January 15** — Deadline for nominations for 2013-14 District Governor and Finance Committee to be received by DG Ann Lee. See article, page 14.

**Thursday, January 20** — World Community Service committee meeting, Biddeford, ME. Contact Roland Gagne: serviceaboveself@roadrunner.com

**Monday, January 31** — Deadline for clubs to submit application to District to participate in Four Way Speech Contest speakoff. Contact Penny Jett: pennyjett@comcast.net for more information.

#### Late January—early February —

Two-week outbound Friendship Exchange to India. See article this page — and contact Gov. Ann Lee for details and dates.



### FEBRUARY

**Tuesday, February 1** — District Simplified Grant progress reports due to Todd Doolan, todd.h.doolan@mssb.com

**Friday, February 4** — District mid-year Leadership Dinner for all current club presidents, president-elects and vice presidents, Fireside Inn & Suites (formerly Holiday Inn West), Portland. \$30 per person. See article page 3.

**Saturday, February 5** — Multidistrict preplanning PETS meeting, Nashua, NH.

**February 20-26** — Rotary's Polio Awareness Week. District 7780 will spread the word via a Rotary PR grant.

**Tuesday, February 22** — World Peace and Understanding Dinner with extra-special guest RI President Ray Klinginsmith will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in South Portland. See article page 3.



**Feb. 25 to March 26** — Outbound Group Study Exchange team spends a month in Hong Kong and Macao.

**Sunday, February 27** — Rotary and Red Claws Basketball. Enjoy District fellowship and raise money for polio eradication at the Portland Expo. See article, page 3.



### MARCH

**Wednesday, March 2** — Read Across America Day. Contact Penny Jett, District literacy coordinator, pennyjett@comcast.net



**Saturday, March 5** — District-wide Interact Conference in York. All Interactors — and all Rotarians who are interested in the Interact program — are especially invited to attend. FMI: George Bartlett, District Interact advisor: gbartle2@maine.rr.com

**Saturday, March 5** — Rotary Leadership Institute in Wells.



**March 10 – 12** — Multi-district President-Elect Training Seminar, Nashua, NH for all president-elects and assistant governor-elects.



### Friendship Exchange

*Change in travel date  
plus an opportunity to host  
in your home.*

Rotarians, here is an amazing opportunity to travel to India the Rotary way. Be hosted and cared for in the homes of India's Rotarians while seeing some of the most memorable sights you will ever experience.

There is no better way to create better understanding than through person-to-person contact and building fellowship through cross-cultural exchange. True friends are made when they share a dinner table.

Dates for travel have been extended to accommodate our holidays. District 3060 will host us in late January or February as a District team. Consideration should be given to the NID dates of Jan. 16 and Feb. 20 as they can be included in the two-week travel time if desired. Airfare, limited meals and personal expenditures should be your only cost as you will stay in homes, not hotels.

Give serious thought to participation in this first-ever opportunity for District 7780. You will enjoy the finest hospitality from the District of our 2011-2012 RI President Kalyan Bannerjee.



May 1- 16, 2011 offers the opportunity to host Rotarian couples from District 3060 here in our District. Please let DG Ann Lee Hussey know if you are willing to host — consider it another GSE opportunity.

## Winter Leadership Events

**Mark your calendar:** All current club presidents, president elects and vice presidents are invited and urged to attend the Mid Year Leadership Dinner on Friday, February 4.

This is a chance for current presidents to take a breather with DG Ann Lee, think about what they have accomplished as "their" year reaches the half-way point, and what still needs to be accomplished.

For president-elects, it serves as "pre-President Elect Training" and a chance to discuss with DG Elect Gary what needs to be done over the next few months to make their presidential year a success.

For vice presidents who will be taking office in 2012-13, it provides a chance to meet DG Nominee Marty and one another and focus on the long-range ideas they can undertake to best prepare for their presidential term.

The dinner will be held at the Fireside Inn & Suites (formerly the Holiday Inn West) in Portland. Cost per person is \$30; to reserve your place contact Marie Williams, chair, at [mawilliamsdpdg@comcast.net](mailto:mawilliamsdpdg@comcast.net).

**Then, on Tuesday, February 22,** the District will celebrate World Peace and Understanding Day with a dinner headlined by extra-special guest Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith.

President Ray will talk about "cowboy logic" — how Rotarians are at their best when they "just do it" and make things happen. The dinner for Rotarians and their spouses will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in South Portland — details TBA.

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## Save the Date! Save the Date! (continued)

**Saturday, March 26** — Rotary Leadership Institute in Lincoln, RI.



### APRIL

**Saturday, April 2** — Rotary Leadership Institute in Lebanon, NH.

**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.



**April 25–May 6** — District Rotaplast mission. Contact Bill Dunn: [wdunn@sunset-point.biz](mailto:wdunn@sunset-point.biz) for latest information.



**Thursday, April 28** — World Community Service Committee meeting. Contact Roland Gagne: [serviceaboveself@road-runner.com](mailto:serviceaboveself@road-runner.com)

### MAY

**May 1-16** — Inbound Friendship exchange team here from India. Contact DG Ann Lee if you are interested in hosting Rotarians from India's District 3060 in your home and at your club.

**May 13-14** — 7780 District Conference, Portland Marriott Sable Oaks.

**May 21-25** — Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. "Laissez les bon temps rouler ... encore!" See article, page 8.



### JUNE

**Wednesday, June 1** — Final district simplified grant reports due to Todd Doolan, [todd.h.doolan@mssb.com](mailto:todd.h.doolan@mssb.com)

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

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

**June 26–June 29** — RYLA program for high school sophomores (rising juniors) at Camp Hinds, Maine. FMI: Bob O'Connell, District RYLA Chair, [mfp368@aol.com](mailto:mfp368@aol.com)

## Red Claws for a Cause

District 7780 Rotarians can enjoy a family night out on Sunday, February 27, enjoying Red Claws "D" League basketball and entertainment at its best.

At the game, kids can enter for a chance to be part of a first-half "high five" tunnel, and pro-



ceeds from the 50/50 will benefit Polio Plus. And for the true fans, "Crusher" will be on hand for group photos.

Tickets start at \$7.00, and are available from Christine Byrne, 526 Ocean Avenue Portland, ME 04103. So come on out and show your Rotary spirit!



## Polio Vaccine: Savings Lives for a Fraction of a Penny

*Ted Trainer, District PolioPlus Chair*

In the polio eradication program, UNICEF buys the oral polio vaccine based on recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), which sets the technical standards for international purchases. In 1988, the beginning of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, the price of a dose of oral polio vaccine was about \$.05. Then one weekend in 1991 the global manufacturers joined together and tripled the price. That would have ended the eradication campaign then and there.

**Thanks to Rotary International's direct intervention, however, the price was rolled back** in return for giving the manufacturers a place at the WHO-led polio eradication policy making table. That new partnership led to the very productive Global Vaccine Alliance (a story for a later time) and has held the price well below the commercial market ever since. Very recently, however, another intervention was required to hold the vaccine price down – this time by our new partner Bill Gates.

The story appeared on 18 November in Bloomberg Businessweek. Bill Gates met with the CEO of Glaxo-SmithKline to obtain an agreement with all five of the manufacturers (GSK, **Indonesia's Bio Farma**, **Sanofi-Aventis**, Novartis and New Delhi-based Panacea Biotec)

to charge a weighted price of about \$.13 cents for each of the 2.4 billion doses UNICEF plans to purchase in 2011-2012. Without that intervention the price would have been \$.145. Thank you, Bill. The \$60 million saved will enable UNICEF to buy an additional 400 million doses.

The history of the global polio eradication movement is full of stories like these – where new partners make critical interventions and stimulate exciting new ways of doing business as well as provide necessary underlying support. None of this would have happened if Rotary had not decided back in the 1980s to rid the world of polio. We are now almost there and let us all continue to work energetically and creatively to ensure we get there.



### *Fast Facts*

As of mid-November, there had been 841 new cases of polio this year. That's compared with 1483 cases by the same time last year!

In the four endemic countries, of Nigeria, Pakistan, Afghanistan and India, there have been 201 new cases this year, and 640 in a total of 18 non-endemic countries. The most recent case was diagnosed in Pakistan, on November 18.

We are amazingly close to wiping out polio forever!

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative has re-designed its website. Lots of good stuff, including the monthly situation reports on polio cases, current research, current finances, post-eradication strategies and other policy documents and reports in a well-stocked resource library, and a very active media room.  
[www.polioeradication.org](http://www.polioeradication.org).



## NID TO NIGERIA

# District Immunization Trip Saves Lives, Sparks Friendships

District 7780's polio immunization trip to Kaduna, Nigeria, resulted in thousands of children being immunized against polio, and a whole lot more!

While in-country, the District team met with the governor of Plateau State, who personally pledged \$33,000 to the Rotary effort and promised to work on mobility issues; team members helped paint a government school, checked up on the results of last year's Matching Grants to build wheelchairs and made plans for the next grant — one that will bring clean water to a small village.

Most important, the team interacted with our Rotary and Rotaractor counterparts from Nigeria's District 9125 who work every day to eradicate polio from their nation. This cooperation will pave the way for future humanitarian efforts between our two Rotary Districts.

At right, DG Ann Lee and DG Nominee Marty Helman share time with the children of a small tribal village.



Clockwise from photo above: Nancie Griswold (Exeter) marks pinkies; to prove that the child is immunized; Jim Waddell (Hampton) shows the kids the picture he just took of them; Kirsten Kirchner (president elect of Scarborough) immunizes a child; Erin Murphy (Rotaractor from Bethel) marks a pinkie of a child just immunized; and George Crockett (Portland) discovers that a clown nose has universal giggle-appeal.



## NID TO NIGERIA



The 2010 District 7780 team, which includes members from across the US and Hong Kong, poses with PDG Saliu Ahmed and AG Haruna Usman (above). Clockwise from left, Michele Perejda (Bethel) introduces a recipient to his new wheelchair; Marilyn Berry (Rochester) entertains the kids; team member Hanny Wan, from Hong Kong, introduces PDG Saliu from Nigeria to the fine art of using chopsticks, and Dave Reid (Hampton president) reminds us that it's all about building communities and bridging continents.





## Local Grants Under Way

Foundation grants aren't intended just to help our neighbors halfway around the world; they also change lives right here at home.

Nine clubs throughout the District are currently working on grants paid for through our Foundation dollars, and as a reminder, written progress reports are due to Todd Doolan, simplified grants coordinator, on or before February 1.

The report form is available on the District website (click on Foundation, and then on the Grants tab) and Todd's email is [todd.h.doolan@mssb.com](mailto:todd.h.doolan@mssb.com)

Here's what our clubs are doing through these grants:

**Brunswick Coastal:** Creating "giving lockers" for homeless teens.

**Damariscotta Newcastle:** Maintaining a therapy fish tank for dementia care patients.

**Dover:** Supporting a community trails project.

**Fryeburg:** Bringing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to local preschoolers.

**Hampton:** Starting a children's read-and-play project.

**Seacoast Portsmouth:** Supporting Operation Warm coats-for-kids.

**Rochester:** Helping to build a community ball field.

**York:** Refurbishing the local food pantry.

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

# Rotary Grants Build Bridges Across Continents



### Brunswick Coastal's Matching

Grant to provide clean water and toilet facilities to a school in Uganda is operational, and the facility has been handed over to the community. At left, the youngsters in their school uniforms arrive for the ceremonies, and later (below left), village elders and Rotarians pose by the water tank bought with the grant.



Meanwhile, Sanford-Springvale has learned that the money it and a consortium of clubs raised to build a toilet block in the small community of Chahalka, near Delhi, India, has been transferred to the Delhi Rotary club in order to complete that project. This Matching Grant project will provide the first toilet facilities in the village.

While they were in Africa, the District NID team visited the wheelchair manufacturing facility spearheaded by Matching Grants last year. Members of the clubs that had helped fund the facility posed at the inaugural (right) and later, team members including Mary Rennie, president of the Fryeburg club, helped recipients climb into their new, bicycle-chain powered tricycle chairs (below right) and learn to use them.

Yarmouth is leading a consortium of clubs that is promoting literacy in Guatemala, while the Rotaplast committee looks to repair broken lives in Latin America. Portland is once again providing hearing aids in the Dominican Republic, and Hampton is supporting a neo-natal clinic in Columbia. Throughout the district, clubs are building lives through Matching Grants.

**What's your Matching Grant dream?** Contact Marty Helman, grants coordinator at [martyrotary@gmail.com](mailto:martyrotary@gmail.com) and find out how to make your Matching Grant dream come true.



# Rotary's International Convention Set for New Orleans in May

*Billy Hobbs, District International Convention Chair*

If you have been to a Rotary International Convention in the past, than you know how exhilarating it is to be with 20,000 or more other Rotarians from around the world, learning about projects and programs to help promote our values, enjoying great speakers and entertainment, and generally celebrating all that makes Rotary unique.

And if you have never been to a Rotary International Convention, the one upcoming May 21-25 in New Orleans is a great place to start.

The RI Convention is not only an opportunity to celebrate a successful Rotary year; **it's a chance to learn strategies that will help you become more effective in your Rotary service.** From inspirational plenary sessions to informative workshops to the House of Friendship — **Rotary's exhibit hall of programs and projects** — Rotary's annual international gala offers unparalleled networking and fellowship opportunities. You will:

- Learn about innovative humanitarian service projects
- Develop strategic partnerships with other clubs and districts
- Build lifelong friendships with Rotarians from around the world

Keynote speakers will be announced in the new few months. But if past is prologue, the caliber of speakers who will address the crowd will be unsurpassed. At the Convention last year in Montreal, Greg Mortensen, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, American-born Queen Noor of Jordan, and country music legend and literacy advocate Dolly Parton were among the headliners. Entertainment was provided by Cirque du Soleil — **although just doing the "wave" with thousands of other Rotarians in a packed Bell Centre arena was entertainment enough!**

This year, New Orleans will be the perfect setting for the fellowship and fun that is at the heart of a Rotary Convention. Local Rotarians, who have spent the past five years focused rebuilding their communities following Hurricane Katrina, are now ready to share the good news that their city has come back — **and say "thank you" to the thousands of Rotarians from all over the world who pitched in to help.**

So that visiting Rotarians may sample the best New Orleans has to offer, the members of the Host Committee have arranged a variety of ticketed events and excursions. These events you can pick and choose as following your own interests and desires. And, if you are thinking of heading for New Orleans a few days early, or extending your stay, the Host Committee has arranged some special volunteer projects that YOU can do to help the ongoing work to help the city recover from Hurricane Katrina.

**As busy as the Convention will be, there will be time to enjoy New Orleans' legendary restaurants, hospitality, and jazz! So let the good times roll ... again!**



## How To Book Your Trip

It's safe, easy and convenient: Book your convention and arrange for all ticketed events online:

[www.rotarycon2011.com](http://www.rotarycon2011.com) or [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on the Convention icon.

You can make your own hotel arrangements, or register for your hotel online through Rotary: [rotary@experient-inc.com](mailto:rotary@experient-inc.com)

With 20,000 people expected at the Convention, you can well imagine that hotel rates will vary as much as brand names and locations. Be sure to match your budget with your hotel.

I have secured a block of rooms at a rate of \$179 per night at the Hilton Riverside Hotel on the banks of the Mississippi within walking distance to the convention center and areas of interest. If you are interested in one of these rooms, be sure to contact me soonest at: [whobbs@maine.rr.com](mailto:whobbs@maine.rr.com)





### *Boothbay Harbor Honors Local Veterans*

It's become a tradition: the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club takes time out on Veterans Day to invite local veterans to dinner and thank them for their service,

The dinner — which this year included over 100 veterans, active duty personnel, Blue Star families of currently deployed personnel and Gold Star ladies who have lost their son or a husband in service to their country — is a chance for the Rotarians just to say “thank you.”

The veterans —who range from World War II octogenarians to current reservists home between assignments in the Middle East — take turns standing and sharing their service affiliation and duty assignments.

Rotarians thanked them for their service to our country. They thanked the Rotary club for inviting them to dinner.

This is the fifth year that the club has honored local veterans, and the first in which the club president has also been a veteran: President Connie Jones saw service in the Army Medical Corps.

## ROTARY and WORLD PEACE



### **D-7780 Rotarians Celebrate UN Day**

Rotary United Nations Day each November is more than just an opportunity to celebrate Rotary's long association with the international peacemaking body.

It is also an opportunity for about 500 Rotarians from around the globe, joined by another 500 or so Rotaractors, Integrators and Youth Exchange students, to come together to share ideas and learn the latest on polio eradication, international friendship and efforts toward world peace.

This year, attendees heard keynoters discuss the latest in the fight for clean water and child survival, and heard from Rotarians who are bringing literacy to Pakistan and attention and dollars to the fight against polio. At top, Exeter Rotarians Allison Field and club president Marilyn Kellogg try out the delegates' desks in the General Assembly conference hall.





## Youth Leadership

RYLA is the Rotary name for the four-day youth leadership camp that takes place each June for high school sophomore (rising juniors).

In RYLA, young people — Interactors and non-Interactors alike — learn leadership skills through hands-on activities, share experiences with other high schoolers, and, frequently, make life-long friendships.

Bob O'Connell, District RYLA chair and Dover Rotarian, was first introduced to RYLA when he dropped his daughter off for the 1997 program. "Interestingly, her group facilitator was Rotarian Ben Wheeler, who preceded me as the RYLA program chair for the District," Bob remembers.

Bob spent the next three years as a RYLA facilitator (leading a group of 12 students) in tandem with a student leader. Then, he developed a first aid curriculum, incorporating group problem solving and team building into the life-saving component.

Bob joined the Dover club in 1996; he served as club president in 2005-06 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

The 2011 RYLA program is tentatively scheduled for June 26-29 at Camp Hinds, and info and material will be available on the district website in January.



## Fryeburg Interact Club Sponsors Purple Pinkie Prom

Today's Interactors were born 40 years after polio was eradicated from the United States, but that didn't stop the Fryeburg Interact club from sponsoring a "purple pinkie prom" in November to raise money to eradicate the disease worldwide! Here, the young adults enjoy the evening and agree that we are "just this close" from ending polio forever.

## Westbrook-Gorham Interact Advisor Honored

The Westbrook-Gorham club recently named Bruce Dyer a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his years of service as Interact Advisor at Westbrook High School. In addition to Interact Advisor, Dr. Dyer supports the work of Mission Possible Teen Center and was a founding board member when it was created in Westbrook over a decade ago. According to Sandy Hale, School Health Coordinator of the Westbrook School Department, "Bruce has always attempted to work with students in the context of their family...realizing that a harmonious, well-functioning family unit benefits each individual member. And, he also has seen the impact that involving students in "service work" promotes both leadership and a greater chance that students will make healthy choices in the future." Congratulations to Bruce Dyer, the Interactors he mentors, and the entire Westbrook-Gorham community!





*Ho, Ho, Ho*

Rotary Clubs throughout District 7780 know that 'tis the season to remember our neighbors with warm coats, warm tummies or just a helping hand.

These pictures depict just a fraction of the good stuff that clubs in our District are doing to make life just a little bit more festive this holiday season.

The seasonal activities started with Thanksgiving dinners and food coupons in November, and continue right through the holiday season.

Most popular events include ringing the Salvation Army bell for donations, distributing holiday turkeys and complete dinners or hosting community meals, playing "secret Santa" to needy neighbors through gift-giving and grocery shopping, providing warm coats for tots, caroling to shut-ins, and supporting local food pantries.

## CLUB NEWS

### District Clubs Celebrate The Season With Service





## Rumford Tree Ceremony Honors Rotary's Roots

It all started 75 years ago, when Paul Harris himself, the founder of Rotary International, planted a tree in Rumford. The tree has grown over the years, and so has Rotary. Recently, to honor the past and look to the future, the Rotary Club of Rumford held a latter-day ceremony to honor all past, present, and sustaining Paul Harris Fellows as well as to commemorate the tree planted by Paul Harris himself so long ago. Many Rotarians attended. Speakers at the service — the Town Managers from Rumford, Mexico, and Dixfield as well as local state representatives in Augusta— spoke of how deeply Rotary is connected to the community.



## Scarborough Club Sale Promoted in the Press

Congratulations to the Scarborough Rotary Club, whose Christmas tree sale not only raised dollars for scholars, it also raised the profile of the club through a feature article in the *Portland Press Herald* and mention on Channel 8 TV-news. Last year the tree sale netted \$6000 and President Rick Murphy reports that this year's sales look to meet or exceed that mark.



The Biddeford Saco club staffed the polls on Election Day to "Stuff the Bus" (not the voting box) for three local food pantries. Rotarians asked all voters to give canned goods or cash at three different polling stations, and the results were phenomenal.

In all, the club received 1965 pounds of food, and \$2,920 in donations. At a 113:1 value (what the food pantries use to figure out how much food they can buy at discount), that means that the day's activities resulted in almost \$38,000 worth of product for the pantries.

The widow's mite: Many of the gifts were \$5 or \$20 or even higher. But nearly everyone who voted contributed. One woman, who said that the Food Pantry had been there for her when she needed it, reached into her purse and gave 27 cents. "I wish I had more to give," she said.

This was the first year that Biddeford-Saco has "stuffed the bus," although their commitment to the local food pantries is long-standing. "It turned out so well we will just have to do it again," president Julie Villemaire said.





## Santa Ski Day Brings Bundles of Goodies for Kids

A remarkable 250 skiers and snowboarders signed up for Sunday River's 11th annual Santa Sunday event. The Santas received a free lift ticket if they came dressed as Santa and donated \$10 or more to the Bethel club's annual drive to provide gifts for children in need. The club garnered \$2,270 and lots of smiles from the event!

## Crutches 4 Africa Work Day a Success

It was a "sea" of mobility devices — crutches, canes, walkers and chairs — all donated to District clubs and, now, all counted, shrink wrapped and transported to the Portland Armory. Next stop for these devices: Into a shipping container to be distributed to people in need in West Africa. Rotarians including new members from numerous clubs, family members, and Interactors all took part in the District-wide service day in late November, orchestrated by Roland Gagne (Biddeford Saco), Dennis Robillard (Saco Bay) and Michael Nazemetz (Casco Bay Sunrise).

Is your club collecting? Get those crutches out of the land fill and into the hands of someone who needs them! Contact Dennis Robillard [riso@gwi.net](mailto:riso@gwi.net) to learn how.



## *Brunswick Coastal at 20*

"On July 30, 1990, Rotary International granted a charter to the Rotary Club of Brunswick Coastal.

"In celebrating this event you must look back at your accomplishments, discover who you are today and look forward with enthusiasm at the prospect of the rewards that lie ahead.

"In reflection, every Rotary club should ask, what would my community be without our Rotary club? There are several communities who would be far worse today were it not for the intervention and creativity of Brunswick Coastal Rotarians to meet the needs looming before them. Without question, this club has impacted the lives of tens of thousands of people from Brunswick to South Africa, Uganda and beyond. There are many whose lives would be different today if not for you.

"From palliative care wards for those suffering from HIV/AIDS, extensive medical equipment including clinical labs, wells and sanitation facilities, to the empowerment of local women to raise their living standards, you have opened your hearts and offered your hands to develop ways to address large needs while being open and willing to work on smaller projects delivering great impact, such as book distributions, school uniforms, pens and pencils among other school supplies, and basic food items. Your service covers projects large and small and everything in between.

"Service is indeed contagious and were anyone to travel with the likes of a Brunswick Coastal Rotarian they would immediately be caught up in the inspiration to do more.

"The RC Brunswick Coastal demonstrates the ideals of Rotary and a commitment to the work of service."

—remarks by DG Ann Lee at Coastal's anniversary celebration.

## Guidelines For District Elections

A fundamental principle of Rotary is that the best qualified candidate should be selected for service in elective offices. The RI Bylaws prohibit any effort by a candidate, a candidate's supporter, or any Rotarian to influence the selection process in a positive or negative manner, including but not limited to campaigning or canvassing.

### For All Rotarians:

Review and comply with RI's election guidelines as explained in the following documents: *RI Bylaws* Articles 10, 12 and 13 [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/bylaws\\_ri.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/bylaws_ri.pdf)  
*Rotary Code of Policies:* 17.040, 19.030, 26.100 [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/code\\_ri\\_current.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/code_ri_current.pdf)

Avoid any actions designed to gain visibility, publicize candidate names and achievements, or give anyone an unfair advantage over another.

### For Candidates:

Immediately express disapproval in writing of any campaigning activities undertaken on your behalf, asking for actions to cease. Do not respond in a similar manner to another candidate's improper activities.

Do not communicate with or visit clubs involved in the election, except to fulfill necessary functions. If there are any concerns that an assignment may give an appearance of campaigning, consult with the district governor.

## LEADERSHIP

# District Officer Nominations Under Way

## District Governor 2013-2014



Qualifications to serve as District Governor can be found in the 2010 Manual of Procedure and include:

- Must be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district.
- Must have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this term was at least 6 months.
- Must have full qualifications for membership in the strict application of the club membership provisions, and have a classification whose integrity is without question.
- Must demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor as provided in RI Bylaws section 15.090.
- Must demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the RI Bylaws, and submit to RI, through its general secretary, a signed statement acknowledging a clear understanding of them.

Unless specifically excused by the RI board, a governor at the time of taking office must have attended the international assembly for its full duration, been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven years, and must continue to possess the qualifications in section 15.070 of the RI Bylaws.

## District Finance Committee



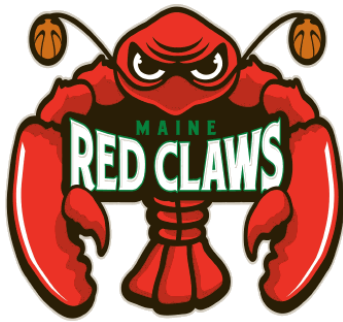
**District Finance Committee** member to serve a three-year term commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2014 from **Division B** which includes the clubs of Bethel, Biddeford-Saco, Fryeburg, Kennebunk, Kennebunk Portside, Kittery, Ogunquit, Oxford Hills, Rumford, Saco Bay, Sanford-Springvale, South Berwick and York.

**District Finance Committee** member to serve a one-year term commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 from **Division C** which includes the clubs of Bath, Bath Sunrise, Boothbay Harbor, Breakwater Daybreak, Bridgton-Lake Region, Brunswick, Brunswick Coastal, Casco Bay Sunrise, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Falmouth, Freeport, Portland, Scarborough, Sebago Lake, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Topsham-Expresso, Wells, Westbrook-Gorham and Yarmouth.

**Nominations in the form of a Resolution of the club, adopted at a regular club meeting, as described in the Manual of Procedures, must be forwarded to DG Ann Lee Hussey prior to January 15, 2011, as stated in District 7780 Bylaws.**  
**Mail to: 100 Boyd's Corner Road, South Berwick, ME 03908.**

If you have questions or concerns about the process please do not hesitate to contact me, DG Ann Lee at [annlee001@yahoo.com](mailto:annlee001@yahoo.com), 603-767-6134 or PDG Bob Laux, District Nominating Committee Chair at [bob@wildriverrealty.com](mailto:bob@wildriverrealty.com), 207-381-1000.





## Celebrate Rotary with the Maine Red Claws!

Enjoy D League Basketball at it's best.  
**District 7780 Polio Eradication Fundraiser**  
**5 PM Sunday February 27, 2011**  
**Portland Expo Portland, ME**

*Fun for the entire family! Group photos with 'Crusher'*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
                     \_\_\_\_\_ End Zone \$7  
                     \_\_\_\_\_ Corner Court \$12  
                     \_\_\_\_\_ Side Center Court \$23

Total payment \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase your tickets today! Limited time offer.  
 Send order and check payment to District 7780 to:  
 Christine Bryne  
 526 Ocean Avenue Portland, ME 04103  
**Show your Rotary spirit!**



## Just Another Day at the Beach!

**Saturday January 1, 2011 @ 1:00pm**  
**8th ANNUAL POLAR BEAR SWIM on NEW YEAR'S DAY Military Service Theme**

What a great way to start the new year by doing a great deed!

The annual event takes place at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 1, 2011, at the Great Island Common beach, New Castle NH. In honor of our veterans and the USS Virginia docked here in the Seacoast, this year's theme will be MILITARY. All proceeds benefit local charities and nonprofits, including Crossroads House, Betty's Dream, YMCA, Camp Sunshine, American Red Cross, Student Scholarships and more.

Registration begins at 11:00am under a big, warm tent provided by Sperry Tents.

At 1:00pm the bullhorn will sound for the swimmers to take their plunge. Afterwards, swimmers will be greeted with warm foods, drinks, raffles and special commemorative gifts. All swimmers must sign a waiver at registration and raise a minimum of \$250\*. (\*Swimmers aged 12 to 18 must raise a minimum of \$100.) Teams and corporate groups are encouraged.

**PAYMENT:** All swimmers MUST return commitment form and \$25 per swimmer by December 31, 2010. Make checks payable to Portsmouth Rotary Club. No credit cards accepted. You can print a commitment form from The Portsmouth Rotary Club web site at: [Portsmouthrotary.org](http://Portsmouthrotary.org).

**DONATION:** If you are unable to attend the event, donations are graciously accepted. Please mail to The Portsmouth Rotary Club at PO Box 905, Portsmouth, NH 03802-0905, Attn: Polar Bear Swim. For more information go to [www.portsmouthrotary.org](http://www.portsmouthrotary.org) or contact: Melissa Benson 603.234.6370 [melissab@averyinsurance.net](mailto:melissab@averyinsurance.net)



Rain Date - January 2, 2011 New Castle, New Hampshire

## POLIO PLUS SOCIETY



**To: Polio Plus and the Rotary Foundation**

**From: Concerned Rotarian**

**Subject: My Personal Commitment**

**As a member of a District 7780 Rotary Club, I recognize my personal privilege to be able to share in Rotary's effort to stamp out Polio worldwide.**

**I hereby commit, by signing below, to make a yearly donation of at least \$100 to the Polio Plus program of The Rotary Foundation.**

**This I pledge to do each year until Polio is officially pronounced as eradicated from all mankind. As such, I will be designated as a member of the "Polio Plus Society."**



***Until the last child is immunized,  
polio is just a plane ride away  
from me, my friends and my family.***

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name & Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a copy to your Club Foundation Chair AND Fax or email completed forms to Ted Trainer, District 7780 Polio Plus Committee Chair, at Fax 207-883-8249; email [tedtrainer@roadrunner.com](mailto:tedtrainer@roadrunner.com)