



*"Riches and power  
are gifts  
of blind fate;  
goodness is the result  
of one's own merits."*  
— Abbess Heloise  
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# District 7780 News

*"From the Mountains to the Sea"*

Ann Lee Hussey, District Governor

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March 6, 2011

## I Choose Love. I Choose Rotary.

It's March and thoughts of spring are upon us. The days are longer, birds sing louder and the sun shines brighter in anticipation of a new season.

I love Spring! It is a time of anticipation and excitement, a time to be renewed and reenergized! As we move closer to the beginning of the final quarter of our Rotary year, we must dig in with even greater energy to accomplish the goals we have set and meet the needs of a challenging world. There are so many paths one can follow in Rotary, so many choices where we can focus our attention. But as RI President Ray reminds us, we need to keep it simple and focus on three activities. The three simple components to the RI Strategic Plan are (1) support and strengthen our clubs, (2) focus and increase our humanitarian service and (3) enhance our public image and awareness. All creating Bigger, Better and Bolder Rotary clubs.

Educate yourselves through participation at District Assembly, at RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute), at District Conference and as part of creating member cohesiveness through the Visioning process; efforts that build and strengthen our Rotary clubs.

Members stay through engagement in our service activities. Keeping our service projects focused and strong we are able to address the humanitarian needs of our world.

We can be easily overcome with stories about those who go to bed hungry, those without adequate shelter, the natural disasters that wipe out once thriving communities such as in New Zealand or, in the case of Haiti, turn a world with nothing into life with less than nothing. We are



moved to help by stories that make us uncomfortable but we should also move others by stories that have improved and changed lives. Rotarians have taught children and adults to read, provided a meal a day for those used to scraps, furnished schools to bring the light of knowledge, installed wells and bio sand filters that build healthier communities, restored dignity with the gift of a

wheelchair, sent scholars on to higher education, and exemplified Rotary's ideals and values in their daily business lives, standing as shining examples to others.

And that is where increasing our PR comes in to play. If your road has been successful, it is time to continue down the path to create similar successes. It is also a time to share those successes and see where you can divert your lessons learned to create more. Rotary enthusiasm can be infectious but only if we share it.

We have traveled far this year; new paths are still being plotted. It is not a time to quit. We can still accomplish more. Keep in mind the words of the German poet, Goethe, "Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Begin it now." It is never too late.

Open your hearts to those in need. There is so much we can do. Rotarians who care and share a love for humanity are easily motivated to do more, to make a difference. Remember what has kept you in Rotary – the love of fellowship, the love of service and the love that ultimately changes lives in our local and global communities. We choose to be in Rotary – today, I encourage you to choose to make a difference.

—District Governor Ann Lee Hussey

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

### MARCH

#### Wednesday, March 2 —

Read Across America Day.

FMI: Contact Penny Jett, District literacy coordinator, pennyjett@comcast.net



#### Saturday, March 5 —

District-wide Interact Conference at York High School. All Interact club members, plus past and future RYLarians and Youth Exchange students invited. The fun starts at 8:00 a.m. FMI: George Bartlett, District Interact advisor: gbartle2@maine.rr.com



**Saturday, March 5** — Rotary Leadership Institute at York County Community College in Wells, ME. See article, this page.



**March 10 – 12** — Multi-district President-Elect Training Seminar, Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center, Framingham, MA (please note new location). Training designed for all president-elects and assistant governor-elects.



**Saturday, March 26** — Rotary Leadership Institute at Amica Mutual Insurance Co., Lincoln, RI.

**Thursday, March 31** — Deadline for Clubs to get their Presidential Citation questionnaires to Governor Ann Lee.

### APRIL

**Saturday, April 2** — Rotary Leadership Institute at Dartmouth Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

**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: serviceaboveself@roadrunner.com

**Saturday, April 30** — Rotarians at Work Day. See article, page 3.

### 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.



**May 13-14** — 7780 District Conference, Portland Marriott Sable Oaks. Plenary speakers include Jim Moulson, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland; humanitarians



*Rotary Leadership Institute*

It's not too late to sign up to participate in the Rotary Leadership Institute, Rotary's training program for club and district leaders of tomorrow.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a series of three Saturday workshops where club Rotarians (new and not so new) gather to learn more about our great organization from old hands and from one another. The setting is informal; the conversation rich; the learning unforgettable.

These workshops crowd the calendar every spring and fall, and the next few weeks are no exception. You can participate at any one of the following dates and locations:

**Saturday, March 5** — York County Community College in Wells, Maine.

**Saturday, March 26** — Amica Mutual Insurance Co., Lincoln, RI.

**Saturday, April 2** — Dartmouth Medical Center, Lebanon, NH.

All Rotarians are invited to participate; all you need to do is register online at [222.rlinea.com](http://222.rlinea.com)





## Rotarians at Work Day

Rotarians at Work Day started in 2006 as a joint project of two adjoining districts in Southern California and Mexico. It has grown each year as Rotarians around the world take the day to showcase what Rotarians do best — hands-on community service.

The idea behind Rotarians at Work Day is to do something for your community on the same Saturday when Rotary clubs across the world are also doing something for their communities, to get members involved and to use the multiplier effect to garner good publicity for us all.



You probably know exactly the community service project you would like to accomplish. But if not, check out the manual compiled by our District Community Service Committee, "Taking the Mystery out of Successful Community Service" which you will find as a download on the District website.

Other resources can be found at [www.rotariansatwork.org](http://www.rotariansatwork.org) website, and be sure to contact District Community Service chair Jayne Palmer [jaynepalmer@comcast.net](mailto:jaynepalmer@comcast.net) for more.

## CALENDAR

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

Roger Cram and Khassan Baiev, PDG Saliu Ahmed from Nigeria, and more. See page 6 for more.

**May 21-25** — Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. "Laisser les bon temps rouler ... encore!"



**May 31**—Deadline for clubs to send RYLA applications to the District. Send them to [RYLA7780@yahoo.com](mailto: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 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.



## OCTOBER

**Oct. 30—Nov. 12** — District Rotaplast mission to DaNang, Vietnam. Contact Bill Dunn, [wdunn@sunsetpoint.biz](mailto:wdunn@sunsetpoint.biz)

## 2012

**March 8-10, 2012** — Multi-district President-Elect Training Seminar for all 2012-13 presidents.

**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.

## It Takes a Rotarian ...

It took an army of volunteers to put together everything that needed to be done to make President Ray Klinginsmith's visit to our District and Rotary Polio Awareness Week such a success. Eric Knutsen and George Crockett worked tirelessly with High Output; George also negotiated with the Portland Museum of Art and the City of Portland in order to make our lighting a reality. PDG Dan and Shirley Mooers masterfully arranged the World Peace and Understanding Dinner at the Wyndham hotel. David Reid stepped up to chair the PR campaign with the assistance of Ryan Lawrence; their work included newspaper inserts, bus ads, and radio and TV spots. Bruce Coffin and John Marr negotiated with Joe Bornstein for the Time and Temperature "Two Drop" campaign, which created further press coverage. Special recognition also goes to Joe Bornstein and the Portland Museum of Art for their assistance. My heartfelt thanks also go to Tim Byrne, whose photos grace these pages and the District website, and to Ted Trainer, for all he does to educate us to the work of Polio Plus every week of the year. Thank you all. —Governor Ann Lee





## Rotary President Ray Klingensmith Lights Portland Museum With “End Polio” Message



The Portland Museum became the first building in New England to be lit with the iconic “End Polio Now” message on February 21, the start of Rotary’s Polio Awareness Week, and Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith was on hand to “flip the switch” with District Governor Ann Lee and a gathering of excited — but chilled — District Rotarians.

Meanwhile, the Time and Temperature Building’s sign also shared the “two drops” of vaccine which are all it takes to protect a child from polio.

Other public image events of the week were a special newspaper insert, print advertising, radio and bus advertising— all carrying the message of Rotary and the story of polio eradication.





## Let's Do Dinner

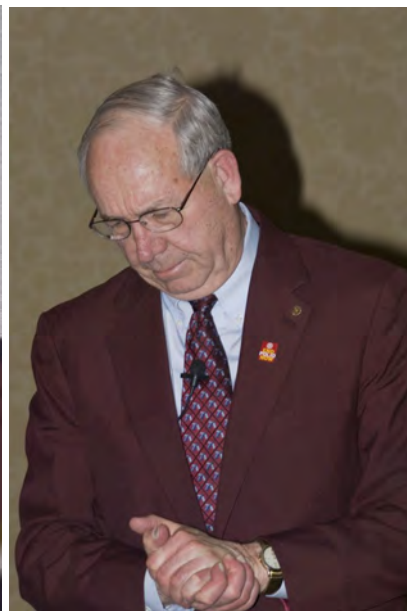
A packed house of District 7780 Rotarians came to hear Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith on February 22, World Understanding and Peace Day, at the Wyndham Hotel in Portland, and left following a great meal and fabulous fellowship.

Here (top to bottom) the State of Maine issued a proclamation in honor of Rotary's polio eradication work; PDG George and Patty Rice are welcomed as Major Donors, and District Governors from throughout New England come to share in the festivities.

President Ray recognized Bethel President Joe and Lynn Arizzi, and Bethel Rotarian Jim Monahan, Benefactors of the Rotary Foundation. In his keynote, President Ray spoke of polio eradication and how Rotarians are changing the world through service and actions.

## WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING DAY

### Sell-out Gathering of Rotarians Join President Ray at World Peace Dinner





## More Than Plenaries

Had enough of sitting inside? Then you will be ready to join with Port Resources, a local organization that helps people with developmental disabilities who live in the greater Portland area find a way to live in a “real” home. This opportunity for service is being organized by Casco Bay Rotarian Eric Knutsen, and will involve painting and refurbishing a new home for special-needs adults.

Want to help a child in Vietnam? The District Rotaplast Committee is currently running a raffle for a queen-sized quilt. Tickets are \$5 apiece, 3 tickets for \$10, available from any Rotaplast committee member. The drawing will be held at the Conference, and all proceeds will go toward the District’s upcoming Rotaplast mission to Da Nang, Vietnam.

And as always, one of the best parts of the Conference will be the opportunity to share time and stories with other District 7780 Rotarians. We all do so much to change lives in our communities — both here at home and around the world.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

### Plans Underway for Smash Conference in Portland

*By Marty Peak Helman, District Governor Nominee*

An international lineup of plenary speakers, a fabulous venue and an opportunity for hands-on service will make the upcoming District Conference — themed “The Sun Never Sets on Rotary” — one of the best ever.

Just how international are our speakers? The Rotary President’s representative is a President in his own right: Jim Moulson (top) is the President of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, and he hails from Scotland. President Jim passionately believes that fellowship and fun are the twin pillars that provide Rotary’s strong foundation, and he has dedicated his life to Rotary.

PDG Saliu Ahmed of Nigeria (second from top) is a true humanitarian who works every day to ensure that the poor of his country have the clean water, education and medical attention they need to live decent lives. He has been instrumental in making possible the Matching Grants and other work that District 7780 has accomplished in Nigeria.

Khassan Baiev (third from top) is a Chechen-born trauma surgeon who insisted on treating civilians and combatants of the First and Second Chechen Wars, including both Russian soldiers and Chechen fighters. Because he insisted on helping combatants from both side, he was viewed as traitorous and received death threats from both sides as well. He has been honored by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International for his work and he and his family now live in safety in Massachusetts.

Professor Roger Cram (bottom) is a faculty member of Hiram College in Ohio, and he has spent his life researching the problem-solving abilities of peacemakers the world over. His research has taken him from the townships of South Africa and the villages of Nicaragua to research grass-roots heroes and their crisis-management skills.

**Clearly, the sun never sets on human needs, and it never sets on Rotary’s life-changing responses.** The District Conference will be held at the Portland Marriot Sable Oaks in Portland, Maine, May 13-14. Registration information will be available on the District website in short order. Come to celebrate, and to learn how we can do even more.





## President Ray Visits Brunswick Coastal Project in South Africa

Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith studied at the University of Cape Town as a Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholar way back in 1961. So it's probably no coincidence that he has made Africa a focus of his presidency, and he has visited the continent and highlighted Rotary projects there throughout the past year.

On a recent trip to South Africa he met up with Brunswick Coastal president John Dennen (lower photo, left) and toured a Matching Grant project spearheaded by Brunswick Coastal and supported by Boothbay Harbor and Kennebunk Portside. President Ray also spent time with just a handful of the thousands of local children orphaned by the scourge of AIDS (top photo).

The Matching Grant is the latest in a series of Rotary projects led by the Brunswick Coastal club designed to support the Mvoti AIDS Center in Kwazulu Natal, South Africa.

Kwazulu Natal has the highest concentration of HIV/AIDS victims in the world. In the midst of this heartbreaking epidemic, this grant is helping to provide the full needs of a palliative care center — including equipment, medical supplies and furniture — to provide a place for indigent people to die in a compassionate environment, free from pain. In addition, the Mvoti AIDS Center trains community outreach workers in palliative care support. These workers — predominantly women — then take their skills into the surrounding villages to care for patients too sick to come to the center. **"It's the healthcare workers who are the real heroes," John Dennen says.**

President John has used his savvy, his compassion, and his local connections to bring support for AIDS patients in his native South Africa throughout his Rotary career.



## Where in the World?

In 2010-11, the current Rotary fiscal year, The Rotary Foundation set aside a record \$21.5 million in World Fund dollars to "match" club and district contributions toward Matching Grants.

We've used a portion of those funds. Clubs in our District have signed four matching grants so far this year, utilizing a total of \$52,729 in World Fund matching funds, and realizing a total dollar value of \$145,000 in aid to communities in the Dominican Republic and India. We also supported a Global Grant to provide literacy materials to Guatemala, worth an additional \$59,000.

Last fiscal year (2009-10), based on requests from clubs, one-third of the Rotary Foundation's matching funds were designated for grants in Asia, and one-quarter each went to projects in Latin America and Africa. It should also be noted that 10 percent of the funding was designated for projects in Europe and North America.

That's significant: The Rotary Foundation *does* fund Matching Grant projects right here at home. Specific funding rules apply: An international club (or consortium of clubs) must pay 50 percent of the club contributions toward a US-based project. To learn more about how your club can finance a Matching Grant in your home community, contact Marty Helman, grants coordinator, [martyrotary@gmail.com](mailto:martyrotary@gmail.com).

But hurry! The Rotary Foundation's deadline for filing Matching Grants is Mar. 31.



## GSE Team Departs

And they're off! Our District's Group Study Exchange team, led by Exeter Rotarian Burt Dibble, departed for Hong Kong in the wee hours of February 24 from the Portland airport. You can follow their month-long adventures and vocational experiences on their blog:

[www.GSEhongkong.blogspot.com](http://www.GSEhongkong.blogspot.com)

## Competition Underway: Sponsor a World Peace Fellow

*By Frank Butterworth, World Peace Fellowship Chair*

Your club can join the myriad Rotary Clubs throughout the world that are currently accepting applications from individuals who hope to successfully compete for one of the 100 World Peace Scholarships offered by Rotary International each year. District 7780 currently has two Peace Fellows in the program, both sponsored by the Portland Club.



### What is a World Peace Fellowship?

Up to 50 Rotary World Peace Fellowships for master's degree study and the same number for professional development certificate study are offered annually on a world-competitive basis for study at the six Rotary Centers. Rotary World Peace Fellows obtain a master's degree in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies. Through their unique and diverse interdisciplinary programs, the six Rotary Centers provide academic and practical training to better equip peace fellows for leadership roles in solving the many problems that contribute to conflict around the world.

### World Peace Fellowship Types

#### Master's Degree

Five centers in six universities  
15- to 24-month course  
Study time differs according to each center  
Up to 10 new fellows study at each center each year  
Two to three month practical internship

#### Professional development certificate

One center at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand  
3-month course  
Two sessions per year (January and April)  
Up to 25 new fellows in each session

### How does one apply?

Interested students must apply through the local Rotary club in either their legal/ permanent residence or place of full-time study or employment. (People with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply.) After receiving applications and successfully interviewing the candidate, the sponsor club forwards its candidates to the Rotary district level for competition. Final selection is made by The Rotary Foundation at the international level.

### What are your Club's responsibilities if you sponsor a candidate?

The sponsor club should interview each candidate and forward the top candidate for each scholarship if, and only if, they feel that top candidate rises to a level worthy of further review. Club interviews, in an ideal world, are conducted by a committee of about three Rotarians.

**FMI:** Frank Butterworth, [fbutterw@gmail.com](mailto:fbutterw@gmail.com)



### Club Responsibilities

Clubs must allow enough time for a district selection process to meet the deadline for submission to The Rotary Foundation.

- January 2011 and following: Materials will be available to the Clubs and they can begin accepting applications.
- March 25: Deadline for applications to be received by local Rotary Clubs.
- May 1: Applications for Club-endorsed candidates must be received by the District.
- May and June: District will interview finalists.
- July 1: Deadline to forward finalist names to Rotary International.

World Peace Fellowships is a Rotary Foundation program. As such, there is no direct cost to your Club or the District. However, candidates who do best in final scholarship selection interviews have had the chance to spend time with Rotarians, attend a meeting or two and talked to Rotarians about what service means to them and their clubs.

Upon selection, the sponsoring club is expected to pay \$150-200 for your student to attend Northeast LINK, Rotary's orientation program for all scholars. It is also recommended that the club's sponsor member attend Northeast Link.

Your club should also ask the scholar to speak at your club and encourage them to speak in other Rotary clubs. Finally, it is your responsibility as a sponsor club to stay in contact with the scholar and to help the scholar stay connected to Rotary before, during and after their fellowship.



# Red Claws D-League Basketball Hosts Polio Fundraiser in Portland



Spirits were high from the moment Rotarian Tenley Westbrook from the Portsmouth Club opened the D-League basketball game with the National Anthem. Unfortunately, the Portland Red Claws went on to lose to visiting Rio Grande Valley Vipers—but the real winner was polio awareness: Even “Crusher” the lobster wore “End Polio Now” red!



Rotarians and Integrators from across the District came out to cheer on the Red Claws and make their voices heard for polio eradication. The game culminated an amazing week of great Rotary activities, fundraising and public image events in District 7780 — all designed to let Northern New England know that Rotary is working hard to End Polio Now!





### *Polio Plus Icon Dies*

William T. Sergeant, who served as Rotary International vice president in 1981-82 and as chair of the International PolioPlus Committee from 1994 to 2006, died 13 February in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was 91.

During his tenure at the International Polio Plus Committee, Sergeant worked with the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to help establish strategies and policies for ending the disease.

His Rotary career began when he joined the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in 1947.

Sergeant received recognition for his work as a leader in polio eradication from the other partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. He was the recipient of the first Hannah Neil World of Children Award (1998) from the Kellogg Corporation and the Fries Prize for Improving Health (2006).

"When the world is finally declared to be polio-free, no one will have played a more crucial role than Bill Sergeant," said Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the Global Polio Initiative.

## POLIO PLUS

### The Facts on Post-Polio Syndrome

*By Ted Trainer, District PolioPlus Chair*

At a recent club visit, members voiced concern about the possibility of contracting Post-Polio Syndrome as they get older. I am taking this opportunity to address this concern.

The science fiction writer, Arthur C. Clarke (shown here) remained a prolific writer until a very advanced age, despite suffering from Post-Polio Syndrome. As DG Ann Lee has told us, she faces it as a polio survivor, but so do those of us who were infected by the polio virus but did not know it because we did not present clinical symptoms. There are many of us in this latter group. Altogether, there are an estimated 440,000 Americans at risk for PPS.



What is PPS? The following is gleaned from the web site of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke ([www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)).

PPS is mainly characterized by new weakening in muscles that were previously affected by the polio infection and also in muscles that seemingly were not affected. Symptoms include slowly progressing muscle weakness, unaccustomed fatigue (both generalized and muscular), and, at times, muscular atrophy. Pain from joint degeneration and increasing skeletal deformities, such as scoliosis are common. PPS is rarely life threatening but untreated respiratory muscle weakness can result in under-ventilation, and weakness in swallowing muscles can result in aspiration pneumonia.

It is not easy to diagnose PPS, because other medical conditions can complicate the evaluation, but if you experience an accelerated muscle weakness or fatigue, you should see your doctor and obtain a comprehensive neuromuscular examination from a specialist.

**It's rare, but a person who never knew they were exposed to polio could contract Post-Polio Syndrome.**

PPS is a chronic condition. There are no effective pharmaceutical or specific treatments for it, but there are recommended management strategies, generally related to exercise regimens, proper amount of sleep, maintaining a well-balanced diet, and avoiding unhealthy habits like smoking – strategies all of us should follow whatever our health status. There is also a wealth of support groups to help sufferers in their life style adjustments.

Check out the web site [www.post-polio.org](http://www.post-polio.org) or email [info@post-polio.org](mailto:info@post-polio.org).

I have met a great many people with PPS in the course of my work for the PolioPlus program. Some have progressed into wheel chairs, but what has strongly struck me in talking with them is their incredibly positive attitude. Often, I was told that, yes, there was some physical deterioration forcing unwelcomed life style changes, but PPS was the best thing that had happened to them! How could that be, I asked? Learning how to live with a chronic disability can bring forth unexpected inner resources, strengths we did not know we had in us. The enduring joy of finding these strengths far outweighs the physical issues, I was told. ***We become stronger and more productive human beings because of the chronic condition we have to live with.*** I think we all know at least one person in our District who fits this description....





### *Musical Note*

Maybe you were touched by the music video when it was played at the World Peace and Understanding Dinner, and wondered where the song came from.

"Come Join Us" was written in 2010 by Rotarian and professional songwriter Jerry Mills and recorded by a chorus of Rotary Youth Exchange students. The music shares in an extraordinary way the message of Rotary.

Check out the music video on the District website, or read the backstory and learn how Jerry came to write the song and download it from:

[www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/11021\\_news\\_comejoinus.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/11021_news_comejoinus.aspx)

You can also download the music from iTunes and most Internet music sites. Or just listen to the message in the lyrics:

"When I hear the call, 'Service above self,'  
It's not just a slogan on my office shelf.  
It's the way I choose to live,  
The hand I have to give,  
Thankful for the chance to give of myself.  
We are calling out around the world, 'Come join us!'"

The song has been translated into many languages, and has become an inspiration and a statement of who we are as Rotarians.

## CLUB NEWS

### It's Elementary How Kids Learn To Love Books

March is Rotary's Literacy Month! And already, as we go to press, Rotarians across the District are celebrating *Read Across America Day*, with reading activities at their local elementary schools.

This special day — sponsored by the National Educational Association and which reaches across America — is designated in honor of noted children's author Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, by helping teach kids to love reading. And since kids learn by modeling what they see, the best way to do that is for adults to read to kids.

But reading to kids should never be a one-day-a-year event! Check out lots of ideas to help the youngsters in your community learn to love reading. You'll find many great ideas on the NEA website: [www.nea.org](http://www.nea.org).



Last year, Saco Bay (top) and Breakwater Daybreak were among the many clubs that participated in Read Across America Day at their local elementary schools.



### Sebago Lakes DerbyFest Is a Cool Winner

Each winter, Polar Plunges and Chili Cookoffs are popular fundraisers across the District. But the daddy of all wintry fundraisers is Sebago Lakes' Ice Fishing DerbyFest and Air Show, now in its tenth year. Here, Governor Ann Lee takes to the ice riding "shotgun" behind Derby organizer and Sebago Lakes Rotarian Tom Noonan.

## *Finance Committee*

Dru Laduke and Fred Burgess have been elected as members of the District Finance Committee.

Dru Laduke, currently president of the Saco Bay club, has been elected for a three-year term from Division B, which covers clubs in York and Oxford Counties in Maine.

Fred Burgess, founding president of the Topsham Club, has been elected for a one-year term to fill out the vacancy created when Boothbay Harbor's Skip Krehling was tapped by Governor Elect Gary Speers to serve as District Treasurer.

Don Lamprey, past president of Hampton, will continue in his term on the Committee until 2013. The other members of next year's committee, which will be chaired in 2011-12 by PDG Brad Jett, are all past, present or future district governors: Jeff Pelkey; Ann Lee Hussey; Gary Speers and Marty Peak Helman.

The Finance Committee prepares the District budget and monitors financial activity throughout the year to assure that District funds are managed appropriately.

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

### Yarmouth Rotarian Carolyn Johnson Will Lead District in 2013-14

Carolyn Johnson has been selected by the Nominations Committee to be Governor Nominee Designate, meaning that she will be District Governor in 2012-13.

In announcing the appointment, Governor Ann Lee said: "I am confident that Carolyn will do a great job in leading our district during a year when Rotary International continues to move forward with new and progressive ideas and programs to strengthen our organization. We are fortunate to have Carolyn in our midst."



Carolyn and Peter Johnson relax during a recent trip to Guatemala, where Carolyn has developed and is rolling out a reading curriculum.

Carolyn Johnson is a member and past President of the Rotary Club of Yarmouth, and she has been a Rotarian for ten years. Professionally, she is an educator, having been an elementary school teacher and principal for over 25 years. She is currently the District Youth Services Chair, and she previously served as Literacy Resource Coordinator for our District. Carolyn led the Group Study Exchange team to Poland in 2009, and she is also a facilitator for the Rotary Leadership Institute.

Carolyn is an active participant with the Guatemala Literacy Project, and she currently spends more than four months each year in Guatemala developing and implementing a program to improve reading skills in Guatemala's rural primary schools. For her work, Carolyn was awarded Rotary's prestigious Service Above Self Award in 2009.

Carolyn's husband Peter was District Governor in 2001-02. Carolyn and Peter will be the first Governor couple in our District!



**The Lineup:** District Governor Ann Lee Hussey, from the Casco Bay club, will be succeeded in the governorship by Damariscotta-Newcastle's Gary Speers this July. Following his term, Marty Peak Helman, from the Boothbay Harbor club, will become District Governor in 2012. She will be succeeded by Yarmouth's Carolyn Johnson in 2013.





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



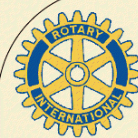
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**BENEFIT SUPPER**

Thursday, March 31 at 6:00 p.m.

At the American Legion Hall

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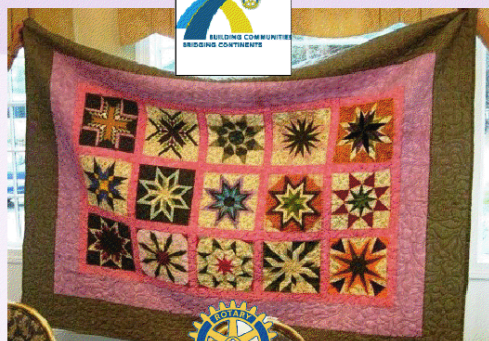
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Quilt is 70 by 96 inches — perfect for a Queen or Full-Sized Bed

**Value: \$1000**

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**FIVE-COURSE DINNER WITH PAIRED WINES**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011  
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**TICKET COST: \$100 PP**



*Menu prepared by  
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*Wines selected by  
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