

*"Everybody
can be great,
because
anybody
can serve."*

*— Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.*

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District 7780 News

"From the Mountains to the Sea"

Ann Lee Hussey, District Governor

www.rotary7780.org

May 5, 2011

What's Old is New

By District Governor Ann Lee Hussey

As one Rotary year begins, another comes to a close. So it is with the annual Rotary themes that change from year to year. We proudly follow the current theme, out of respect, because the message resonates with us and because Rotarians are able to readily apply the themes to the projects and service they dedicate themselves to.

In the early years of Rotary International, president's themes were not the norm. In 1949-50, Percy Hodgson utilized objectives as his theme:

Objectives of Our Team for 1949-50:

- 1. Each new member admitted into a Rotary club to be adequately informed about his duties and obligations BEFORE his induction -- properly introduced to the club -- and effectively assimilated into the work of the club during the first year;*
- 2. A better understanding and application of the principles of Vocational Service as set forth in **SERVICE IS MY BUSINESS**;*
- 3. A contribution to world understanding and peace through an intensification of our international service program;*
- 4. An outstanding district conference in every district.*

These objectives certainly apply to our clubs today. Clubs are more effective the better informed their members are and certainly engagement of members strengthens retention. Rotarians have long recognized that international outreach will create a more peaceful world and I urge you to participate more in grants and projects in the coming years. Great project ideas will be shared at our District Conference. Every year we strive for an outstanding District 7780 conference and this year is no different. Have you seen our conference program? Have you registered yet? Attending District Conference is an easy way to obtain all of these objectives.



Gov. Ann Lee joins the GSE team at a Chinese restaurant in Sanford.

It is amazing how President Percy's objectives continue to be reinforced as Rotary saw the introduction of official Presidential themes. 1968-69's **Participate!** drives home involvement in your club, in service and in events to further your Rotary understanding. In 1974-75 we were urged to **Renew the Spirit of Rotary**. This year's conference offers service project opportunities and inspirational speakers but most of all the fellowship of Rotary that is the spirit that binds us. Then there is **You Are the Key** in 1985-86, **Put Life into Rotary—Your Life** in 1988-89 and **Enjoy Rotary** in 1989-90 that urged Rotarians to be involved with all aspects of Rotary and to have fun in the process. You can see where I am going as I ask you to **Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm** (1990-91).

Every international President asks us to focus on what makes Rotary the special organization that it is—**Service Above Self**. As one Rotary year begins, another comes to a close. But the work of Rotary knows neither calendar nor timepiece. Thank you for your service to others and to your club. Because we all know that **Real Happiness is Helping Others**.

Our 2010-2011 theme will resonate with Rotarians for as long as Rotary remains as the words describe so well what Rotarians do in the act of service.

Together let us **Reach Within to Embrace Humanity** as we continue to do what Rotary does best, **Building Communities, Bridging Continents**.

See you at District Conference!

DISTRICT CALENDAR

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

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 .



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 Moulseen, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland; humanitarians Roger Cram and Khassan Baiev, and more. See page 4 for more information.



May 21-25 — Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. "Laissez 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.

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.

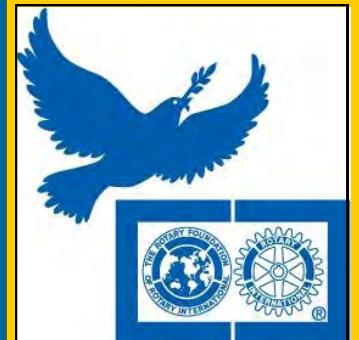
SEPTEMBER

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.



Commit to World Peace

Did you know that World Peace Scholars are fully scholarshiped through our donations to the Rotary Foundation? All it takes for a club to sponsor an applicant for this master's level program is the right candidate!

There is no perfect combination of test scores, experience and education to guarantee an applicant's selection. Candidates come from all over the world, from different career sectors and with different experiences.

But the Portland Club has already successfully proposed two candidates for this program, and other qualified candidates are probably waiting in your home community.

On average, each selected fellow has seven years of professional experience; one third of the selected fellows come from employment with an NGO and another 20 percent come from backgrounds in education or peace building.

Above all, the most important component of a successful applicant is a clear commitment to peace and conflict resolution.

If you think you know the right candidate, discuss with Frank Butterworth, fbutterw@gmail.com. Frank, our District World Peace Fellowships chair, can guide you through the application process.



Rotary Shares

We all know that the best way to gain new members is to ask friends and business acquaintances if they want to join your club. In fact, it's the only way!

But don't forget that friends in other communities might also make great Rotarians — just not in your own home club.

Recently, Governor Nominee Designate Carolyn Johnson, a member of the Yarmouth club, did a "makeup" in Freeport, and afterward, a half-dozen Freeport Rotarians all came up to her and said that they knew people in Yarmouth who would make great Rotarians. They promised to pass along the names of these prospective new members for Yarmouth's club members to follow up.

Another idea is to invite the prospective new member to join you at a "makeup" in that person's nearby club. It was a business associate and Damariscotta-Newcastle member who first introduced Connie Jones to the Boothbay Harbor club — where she currently serves as President.

Rotary shares! And the more Rotarians in our collective community, the stronger all our clubs will be.

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Save the Date! Save the Date! (continued)

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 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.

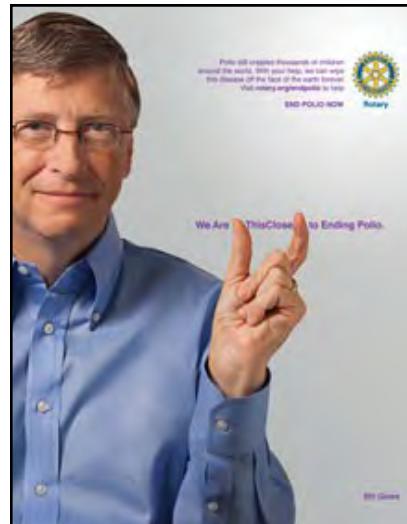


June 23-26, 2013 — Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal.



We're This Close!

As of April 26, 2011, Rotarians worldwide have raised a total of \$168 million toward the Bill and Melinda Gates \$200 million challenge. More good news: the number of new cases of polio keeps falling: There has been only one case reported in Afghanistan and only one in India since the beginning of 2011. Nigeria has seen eight new cases, and Pakistan 33. Meanwhile, there have been a total of 77 new cases reported in non-endemic countries. To keep up with polio eradication statistics, go to www.polioeradication.org ... or ask District Polio Plus Chair Ted Trainer to put you on his email list: tedtrainer@roadrunner.com.





2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The Sun Never Sets
on Rotary
District 7780 May 13-14, 2011



Dr. Khassan Baiev (left) is a Chechen-born trauma surgeon who treated thousands of civilians and combatants on both sides of the First and Second Chechen Wars, including Russian soldiers and Chechen fighters.

At one point during the conflict he performed 67 amputations and eight brain operations in a 48-hour period. Both sides saw Baiev's action of treating the other side as treason and multiple death threats were made against him. The human rights organization Physicians for Human Rights sponsored Baiev for political asylum in the United States during the Second Chechen War.

Today Baiev is allowed to revisit his homeland devoting his efforts to the children and their needs. As a surgeon, Dr. Baiev was instrumental in bringing Smile Train to his hometown. He continues to be an advocate for the children of Chechnya and the lives torn apart by war.

Baiev and his family now live in Needham, MA. He has been honored by Human Rights Watch, Physicians for Human Rights, and Amnesty International for his work. He has authored two memoirs, *The Oath: A Surgeon Under Fire* and *Grief of My Heart: Memoirs of a Chechen Surgeon*.

*"I wrote *The Oath* for two reasons. I wanted the world to know that war is a hellish thing, which victimizes the innocent. In war there are no winners. Second, and equally important, I wanted to introduce my readers to the Chechen people."* —Khassan Baiev

We toil together to enable those we may never see. Hobbled in life by some illness, accident or act of violence, many are hopeless. The generous donations given to Crutches 4 Africa are the tools we use to help raise the hindered, to lift them from the dust, and help them on their way. —David Talbot

Crutches 4 Africa, a 501(c)3 organization, was started in 2005 when the founder, David Talbot was working in Africa on a documentary film for another non-profit organization. While working in Uganda, David saw the great need for mobility devices.

As a polio survivor himself, David is very aware of mobility issues. With the onset of Post Polio Syndrome, he has had to return to using crutches himself. Observing people using tree limbs, rough hewn crutches and often, nothing at all, just scooting along on the ground using their hands and arms for locomotion, the idea for Crutches 4 Africa was germinated.

The realization that crutches, canes, walkers and wheelchairs exist in such abundance in developed countries that they are frequently considered a nuisance when no longer needed. They are often thrown away to pollute a landfill. So the connection was simple, collect here, distribute there. This is the focus of C4A.

Since those early days, C4A has collected and seen distributed 12,000 mobility devices (md's) in 7 countries in Africa with other distributions in four countries outside the continent of Africa. Our initial goal is 1 million md's delivered to Africa.

The collections of District 7780 Rotarians have contributed greatly to David's goal. Join in one of the service projects Friday morning to load the 40' container soon to be headed to Nigeria.

Spend time with David and his wife, Candice, during their stay at our conference to see how your club can become actively involved with this worthwhile project. As we reach our goal of the eradication of polio, we must turn our attention to the thousands suffering from the crippling effects of polio.



DISTRICT 7780 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Professor Roger Cram, a faculty member of Hiram College in Ohio, has spent his life researching the problem-solving abilities of peacemakers the world over. His research has taken him into the townships of South Africa and the rural villages of Nicaragua researching grassroots heroes and their peaceful crisis-management skills.

Roger has spoken in front of thousands of delegates around the world regarding the values and problem-solving skills of world heroes of peace. Starting with the conflict-resolution methods of the Tuskegee Airmen, Cram researched similar techniques used by Desmond Tutu, Ghandi, Nelson Mandela, and fifty other peace keepers. Cram researched their problem-solving methods looking for similarities when "magnificent people were performing at their best."

Roger Cram has been profiled in People magazine, and he has appeared on major media outlets.

PDG Candy Pierce, D6400, promoted as her District project, the *Give Hope-Give a Hand* project, recognizing the need existing in the world today, of tens of thousands of people of all ages and nationalities who 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. She has passionately continued to promote this project in Districts around the world in an effort to provide effective prosthetic hands in countries and places where many people cannot afford the available prosthetics and the professional assistance required.

The Give Hope – Give a Hand project provides a free simple, light-weight, functional below elbow prosthetic hand to recipients.



We welcome our RI President Ray Klingensmith's Representative, **Jim Moulson**. Jim also currently serves as the Rotary International Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) President.

Jim was a policeman from 1967 until he retired from the superintending ranks of Strathclyde Police in September, 2000, to commit himself to his responsibilities as District Governor in 2001 - 2002. Jim and his family have had their home in Paisley, Scotland's largest town, since 1972.

Rotary continues to be Jim's consuming interest since joining in 1984. Listen to experiences from 'across the pond' and enjoy Jim's approachable, fun personality.

Jim passionately believes that fellowship and fun are the twin pillars that provide the strong foundation upon which the commitment to Rotary service is built. Continuing this belief throughout Rotary is vital. Succession planning and continuity will enable the organization to achieve this goal.

Reasons to Attend! - Fun, Fellowship, Friendships, Rotary Service and Inspirational Talks. The 2010-2011 District Conference promises to provide a moving line-up of guests and presentations. Don't miss a special Friday afternoon with the D3450 GSE Team and the D7780 GSE Team relating experiences in Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia. Our Friendship Team from India will share their magnificent culture and the District NID Team describes immunizing in Nigeria. Most importantly learn of the Community Service, Vocational Service and International Service projects of OUR Clubs. Share the successes and bring back ideas for your club to utilize. In addition, entertainment will include the Scarborough High School Chorus (recently showcased in Washington, DC), special songs from some of our own Rotarians and an amazing Comedy Mentalist on Saturday evening.



Reset

The Sun Never Sets on Rotary

<p>Rotary District 7780 May 12 – May 15, 2011 Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks</p> <p>Rotarian Information – Please Print or Type</p> <p>Club Name: _____</p> <p>Rotarian Name: _____</p> <p>Badge Name: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Home Phone: _____ Business: _____</p> <p>Cell Phone: _____</p> <p>E-Mail Address: _____</p> <p>Others Attending (Indicate if Rotarian)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Partner <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Rotarian from: _____</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Badge Name: _____</p>	<p>Conference Prices</p> <table> <tr> <td>Friday Day Rate: \$70 Includes Registration, Lunch & Day Program</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday Day Rate: \$95 Includes Registration, Breakfast, Lunch & Day Program</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Complete Meal Package (Fri/Sat) \$225 * Includes: Registration, 5 meals & Program</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friday Dinner Only \$55 *</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday Dinner Only \$55</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> </table> <p>Total Conference Cost: \$ _____</p> <p>Please indicate the number attending the District 4 Way Test Contest on Thursday, May 12th, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.</p> <p>* Friday Dinner Choice <input type="checkbox"/> Beef <input type="checkbox"/> Haddock Saturday Dinner is an International Buffet</p> <p><i>Payments must accompany all registrations for registrant to be recorded</i></p> <p>Make Checks Payable to: Rotary District 7780 Conference Mail to: Rotary District 7780 Annual Conference c/o Donna Rinaldi 14 Riverdale Ave Dover, NH 03820</p> <p>For your convenience, we accept Visa and MasterCard</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>Name on Card: _____</p> <p>Card Billing Address: _____</p> <p>Card Number: _____</p> <p>Expiration Date: (m/y) ____/____ Verification Code: _____</p> <p>Signature of Card Holder: _____</p> <p>Cancellation Policy: Cancellation within 7 days prior to arrival is a minimum of \$60. Alternate individuals may be substituted.</p>	Friday Day Rate: \$70 Includes Registration, Lunch & Day Program	\$ _____	Saturday Day Rate: \$95 Includes Registration, Breakfast, Lunch & Day Program	\$ _____	Complete Meal Package (Fri/Sat) \$225 * Includes: Registration, 5 meals & Program	\$ _____	Friday Dinner Only \$55 *	\$ _____	Saturday Dinner Only \$55	\$ _____
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ROTARIANS AT WORK

Rotarians at Work 2011



Rotarians don't need much of an excuse to help out in their communities, so it's no surprise that this year's Rotarians at Work Day on Saturday, April 30 was celebrated throughout the District:

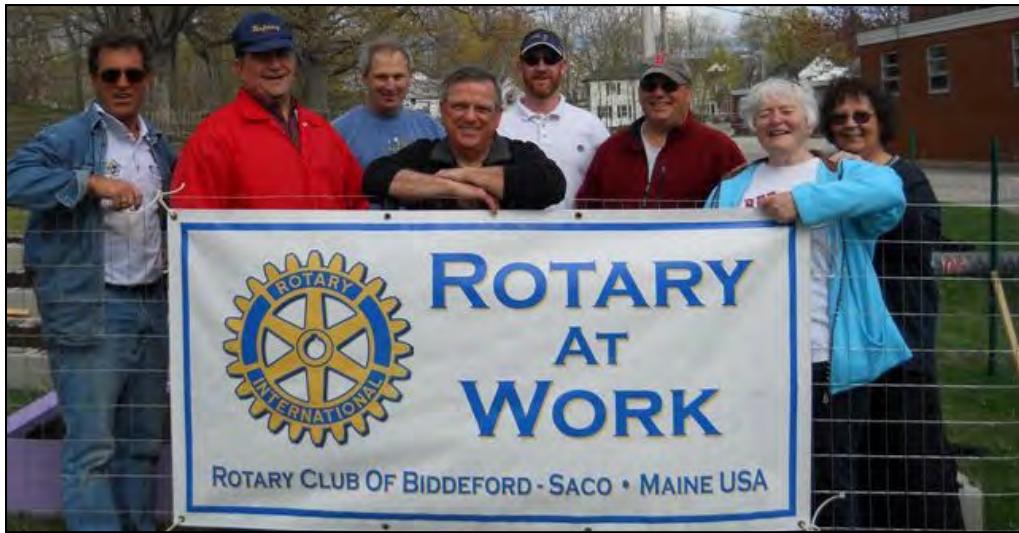
Biddeford Saco: Joined by Interactors, club members participated in a garden project at Fairfield School. The project is designed to teach school kids about gardening, recycling, composting and, ultimately, harvesting their crop for the cafeteria.

Breakwater-Daybreak: Club members joined with community groups to help out at historical Fort Preble with scraping and painting, weeding and clearing brush.

Dover: Club members painted the new Trailhead Kiosk, and worked on the Rotary Gardens in Henry Law Park, and finalized details on the Park Street Park.

Durham-Great Bay: The club accomplished roadside cleanup on local highways.

Hampton: Club members did their annual roadside cleanup, and worked on their District Simplified Grant project to refurbish and add an outside reading area to their local Rotary Park.



Portsmouth lunchtime and **Seacoast Portsmouth:** A "slash and burn" and general cleanup took place at Pierce Island.

Rumford River Valley: Organized a work project at Chisholm school, removing debris, roots, leaves and generally cleaning up the underbrush. Another work party will be scheduled in May to finish the work, and meanwhile, the town is picking up the debris that has been collected and will also do some landscaping.

Saco Bay: Renovated an outdoor theater at local Jameson Elementary School in Old Orchard Beach. Another work day is already scheduled to finish the job.

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth: Rotarians worked at the South Portland Ar-mory to prepare mobility devices for shipment as part of the Crutches4Africa project.

What's In a Calendar?

Rotarians participate in community work throughout the year! Exe-
ter is plan-
ning a
work day
in May,



when the chance of frost is past — that's because they will be doing spring plantings at the Powder House, a community landmark.

York also has a series of work days planned, including land-
scaping and other cleanup.
And Boothbay Harbor partici-
pates in Rebuilding Together, a
nationwide program designed
to keep seniors in their homes.
The local chapter of Rebuilding
Together was started by club
members a decade ago.

Don't forget the Salvation Ar-
my! Join the 2011 Camp Se-
bago Clean-Up Day on Satur-
day, May 21. Folks with specif-
ic skills (carpentry, plumbing)
are especially needed — learn
more at www.campsebago.org.

And if you are looking for a
good June project, consider
Konbit Sante's "Walk for Haiti"
on Saturday,



June 4. Konbit
Sante, which has
worked with Dis-
trict 7780 clubs in Haiti, hopes
to raise awareness and fund-
ing during the 3.4 mile walk/run
along Portland's Back Cove
trail. For more information
contact Konbit Sante at
www.konbitsante.org

GSE From China

The Group Study Exchange team, the first single professional exchange team hosted by our district, is here representing Hong Kong and Mongolia.

Team members have been visiting clubs around the district, enjoying cultural outings and professional visits to our local hospitals and medical facilities. If they are visiting your club, you are in for a treat. If not, you will have the opportunity to meet them and hear from them at the District Conference. Meanwhile, you can follow the team on their blog: www.rotary-gse2011.blogspot.com.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Medical Professionals Visit from China



Group Study Exchange is a program of the Rotary Foundation, supported by our donations to the Foundation. The goal of Group Study Exchange is better world understanding through interaction with young professionals from other countries and cultures.

Next year's GSE exchange will be with Hamburg, Germany, and the year following our exchange will be with Nigeria.



Finding Common Ground

By Ted Trainer, District PolioPlus Chair

I have been sharing lots of statistics about the progress of the Polio Plus campaign, particularly related to the number of polio cases and financial contributions from all sources. Most of us live and work in the world of scientific analysis and metrics, but we also know that to truly motivate people, stories work better than statistics.

I want to tell a personal story about PolioPlus in Nigeria that dates from the mid-1990s.

Thanks to an influential Rotarian — **Col. Nduke “Mike” Okwechime, the original PolioPlus chair in Nigeria** — our international coalition had great access to the Minister of Health, Dr. A. Madubuike. Because of that access, Mike and I were the point people from the international coalition to convince the government to commence the polio campaign. We had done our homework on the costs and logistical needs, and had prepared a proposal to provide the necessary assistance to the government.

Dr. Madubuike’s response: “What was so special about polio? After all, ‘crawlers’ had been part of the normal landscape for generations and there were more deaths and disease from other causes.” I began to realize that money, political strength and compelling data-driven arguments were not enough to achieve our purpose.

Making conversation at a later private meeting, I asked him how he managed the sprawling and resource-starved Ministry of Health. His response is still in my iPhone and all my colleagues I have worked with since had heard it: “I allow the people to do what they are going to do ... Some dust will be raised ... I watch carefully and see where the dust falls.”

When I told him this was exactly the same approach followed by the great Tokugawa Ieasu, the person who unified Japan in 1603, we had a fascinating discussion about culturally defined leadership strategies — and suddenly became great friends.

At our next meeting he leveled with us, by saying he received several proposals a week from donors offering funds and support for programs they wanted him to do. But ***no one ever asked what he wanted to do.***

It so happened at that time, Nigeria had been expelled from the Commonwealth because of allegations of governmental corruption. Trusting the power of Rotary and our international polio coalition, we asked him if we used our good offices to get Nigeria back into the Commonwealth, would that influence his decision to do polio eradication? He replied simply: “thank you.”

We did make that ultimately successful effort, and the strongly committed to the polio campaign — until it was derailed by the Islamic issue in the north in 2003. Thanks in part to Ann Lee Hussey and many other Rotarians, that setback is now, finally, almost overcome. The last case in Nigeria was more than one month ago!



PolioPlus Returns to Nigeria

An indefatigable Ann Lee Hussey will be leading another PolioPlus immunization trip to Nigeria in November 2011, and all interested Rotarians are invited to participate.



Ask any of the 11 District 7780 Rotarians who traveled with Ann Lee last year

— each one will talk to you about the marvelous experience of personally helping to stamp out this disease,



and doing so in community with Muslim and



Christian Rotarians in sub-Saharan Africa.

For more information about the trip, including specifics on costs and immunizations, contact Governor Ann Lee: annlee001@yahoo.com .

How We Doin'?

It takes all of us, working together, to raise the money needed to eliminate polio. Each club has been asked to raise \$2000 this year, and \$4000 over the past three years, and the numbers show that a club doesn't have to be big to be committed to this goal. Purple pinkie projects, Change for Polio cans, purple bake sales, even a Polio Prom have been part of the fundraising across the district. Congratulations to the many District clubs that are near — or have met — their goal. (See chart.)

As a reminder, District matching points are available for each \$100 or more contribution to PolioPlus. And, members who pledge \$100 per year to Polio Plus become members of the PolioPlus Society — email Ted Trainer for details: tedtrainer@roadrunner.com

And how is your club doing on its Annual Giving goals? Annual Giving chair PDG Brad Jett suggests the following:

Show Brad's World Peace and Understanding video at a Club meeting. In this video, made during Brad's governor year, many district clubs talk about their international projects and speaks volumes about the importance of the Foundation to the world, our humanitarian efforts and the fact that the Rotary Foundation is OUR Foundation. Email Brad bradjett@comcast.net for your copy of the video.

If your club doesn't already do so, consider a Paul Harris Fellow "match" program of either dollars or points or both. Boothbay Harbor club, for example, matches individual contributions each year up to \$100. Other clubs provide point matches, so that when a donor gives \$500, he or she is awarded \$500 in club points and immediately becomes a Paul Harris Fellow.

POLIO PLUS

CLUB	PolioPlus \$\$\$ 2010-11	PolioPlus \$\$\$ 2008-present
Bath	\$555	\$880
Bath Sunrise	2,100	2,350
Bethel	3,839	6,822
Biddeford Saco	756	9,623
Boothbay Harbor	1,612	5,082
Breakwater Daybreak	4,625	7,065
Bridgton-Lake Region	850	3,900
Brunswick	00	3,050
Brunswick Coastal	159	229
Casco Bay Sunrise	2,140	12,137
Damariscotta-Newcastle	5,028	12,685
Dover	600	5,264
Durham-Great Bay	600	1,704
Exeter	2,100	5,290
Falmouth	00	50
Freeport	1,000	2,050
Fryeburg Area	3,375	4,104
Hampton	2,373	9,554
Kennebunk	00	2,658
Kennebunk Portside	3,354	7,226
Kittery	00	3,607
Newburyport	1,000	1,050
Ogunquit	1,000	1,593
Oxford Hills	2,806	7,370
Portland	5,141	9,905
Portsmouth	250	8,822
Rumford River Valley	100	3,778
Rochester	1,464	6,816
Saco Bay	250	4,865
Sanford-Springvale	850	12,188
Scarborough	4,320	5,630
Seacoast Portsmouth	00	819
Sebago Lake	00	1,050
Somersworth	00	83
South Berwick-Eliot	634	1,699
S. Portland-Cape Elizabeth	2,400	5,590
Topsham Expresso	3,225	7,275
Wells	336	1,647
Westbrook-Gorham	1,375	7,278
Yarmouth	100	549
York	2,000	8,780
District 7780 Totals	\$64,494	\$207,700

**Congratulations to
Casco-Bay Sunrise,
Damariscotta-
Newcastle and San-
ford-Springvale,
each of which has
given more than
**\$12,000 to Polio
Plus since 2008.****



Rotarians Gather for District Assembly And Make Plans for 2011-12



More than 200 Rotarians gathered at the Westbrook Middle School for teambuilding, training and preparation for the new Rotary year, commencing July 1. District Governor-elect Gary Speers (left) introduces the incoming leadership team (above). Then, club presidents-elect and incoming officers enjoyed interactive sessions throughout the day.



CLUB NEWS

50
Perfect
Years



Ken Honey joined the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club back in 1961 and hasn't missed a meeting in a whopping 50 years. And Rotary runs in the family: Ken's daughter, Jayne, is a past president of the Unity club in District 7790. But time and age are taking their toll. After Ken hit the big 5-0 recently, the Boothbay Harbor Club toasted him for his lifetime of service and half-century of perfect attendance and named him an Honorary Rotarian.

GSE Team Member Joins Daybreak Club

Breakwater Daybreak hosted the Casco Bay Sunrise club recently for a presentation of the outbound Group Study Exchange team, just returned from Hong Kong. At the end of the meeting, GSE team member Tracey Merrill was inducted as a Rotarian by Breakwater Daybreak president Ilse Yanis. All inductions are special; this one enhanced by Tracey's experiences in the Rotary Foundation scholarship program.



Damariscotta-Newcastle Installs Therapy Fish Tank



The Damariscotta-Newcastle Club used District Simplified Grant monies to install an aquarium at a new dementia-care facility in the community. The Rotary Foundation funding paid for the aquarium, fish, supplies, and materials for training the residents to feed the fish. As part of the grant, Damariscotta-Newcastle members will visit the facility on an ongoing basis to clean the tank and ensure that the fish are being properly taken care of by the residents. The therapy project was suggested by research which indicates that the quiet colors of the aquarium and the slow movements of the fish calm residents, improves patient behavior and encourages interactions with care givers. The aquarium also provides patients with a regular activity — that of feeding and checking on the fish. Here, club member and District Governor elect Gary Speers (center) dedicates the aquarium with the help of care manager Dawn Simmons and resident Mike Erhard.

Yarmouth on the Move

The Yarmouth Rotary Club has moved to the Yarmouth Town Hall, 200 Maine Street, Yarmouth. (Park in back, up the hill.) Meetings feature fellowship and purpose — plus bagels and coffee! Start your week off right with Yarmouth club members every Monday morning at 7:00 a.m.

Dover Trail Project

The Dover Club partnered with the City of Dover to create a trailhead kiosk for a community trail. The kiosk has a bulletin board with literature describing both the trail and other recreation opportunities. The trail is a former railroad bed that travels through the city. The Club raised \$15,000 — augmented by a \$2,000 Rotary Foundation Simplified Grant — and the grand opening/ribbon cutting was filmed on local TV and covered by the paper.



Durham-Great Bay's Interact Club Heads Off to New Orleans!



The Newmarket Interact Club, sponsored by Durham-Great Bay, spent their recent spring vacation on a Habitat for Humanity build in New Orleans. The Club at Newmarket High School in Newmarket, NH is a new one, having been founded just two years ago.

Bethel Paints Pinkies Purple for Polio

The Bethel Club held a Purple Pinkie Day for all three elementary schools in its community last month. The children learned about polio and the fight for polio eradication, and heard personal testimony from Governor Ann Lee.

Then, each class showed off their purple pinkies and all the children sang, "We are the World." Photos courtesy of Carol Savage.



Scarborough's Golden Years

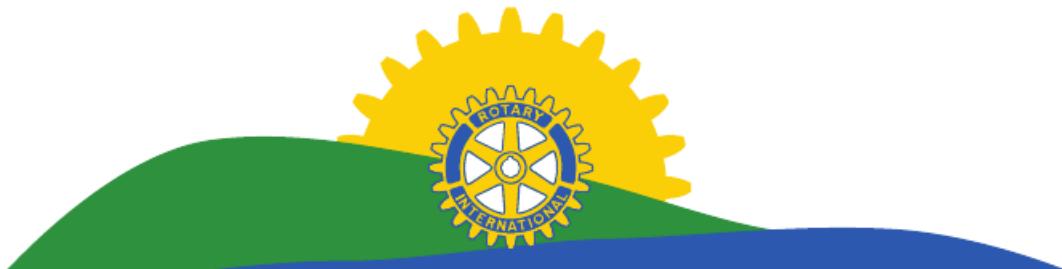
The Scarborough Club has done a remarkable job of garnering publicity as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

The club has been highlighted in the Portland Press Herald and local community papers, and the Scarborough Town Council also issued a resolution of thanks for the club.

Club president Rick Murphy was been widely quoted, and the club's local activities — from Christmas tree sales to scholarships for RYLarians — have also received wide notice. So, too, has been the club's involvement in polio eradication — including President-elect Kirsten Kirchner's trip to Nigeria late last year as part of the district-wide NID.

A special 50th anniversary celebration is planned. Two charter members — including Steve Burton, now a member of the Damariscotta-Newcastle club — will be on hand to welcome and help induct the club's two newest members.

Here's to the next 50 years of the Scarborough Rotary Club!



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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* Wheelchair Donations - Please Call for Pick-up Appointment



Falmouth Rotary Club presents

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY

Recycle Your Unwanted or Broken Electronics!
Town residency not required!

Saturday, May 7

9:00 – 2:00

Falmouth Shopping Center parking lot
Route 1, Falmouth

Items accepted: Household electronics including TV's, computers, monitors (including keyboard and mouse), printers, scanners, DVD players, VCR's, radios, stereos, microwave ovens, batteries, cell phones, game consoles, cords, circuit boards, digital picture frames, etc.

NO appliances (ovens, washer/dryers, stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, etc.) fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, thermostats

CASH DONATIONS TO FALMOUTH ROTARY REQUESTED



ROTAPLAST QUILT RAFFLE

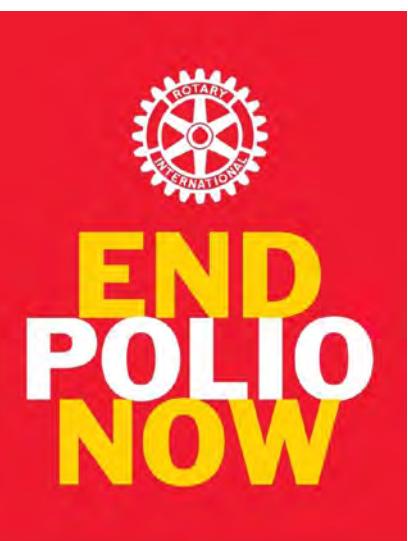
Take home this Double-Sized Quilt
created and donated
by 16 Wrap-a-Smile quilters.

Value: \$1000

Tickets: \$5 apiece, 3 tickets for \$10
(make checks out to Rotary District 7780)

Available from any
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All proceeds benefit Rotaplast mission.
Sponsored by Rotary District 7780 Rotaplast Committee
Drawing: Rotary District Conference, May 14, 2011
Need not be present to win!



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 _____

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