

District 7780 News



Gary Speers
District Governor



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*If you want
to go quick
go alone.
If you want
to go far
go together.*

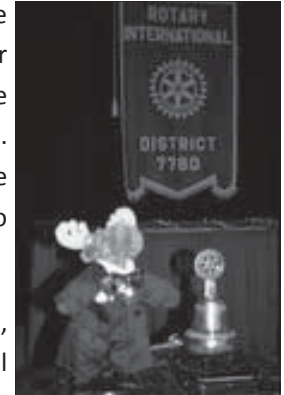
-African Proverb

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Greetings District 7780 Rotarians!

It is that time of the Rotary year and your fellow Rotarians on the District Conference Committee are gearing up to present your 2012 District Conference "Rotarians Make a Difference" the weekend of May 18-20 at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport, Maine. As we have recently visited your clubs to invite you to celebrate our year with us, one of the questions asked has been "Who should attend a District Conference?".



*G.M. is all set to host
the District
7780 Conference*

Your District Conference is for all District 7780 Rotarians, spouses, and partners to celebrate your past year and all of your wonderful individual and club accomplishments, and to meet some inspirational Rotarians and young people who share our dreams. "G.M." reminds you to bring your club "Moose" and your club "Moose on the Loose" pictorial display boards for the Foundation Fund raising competition! Every Rotarian is also requested to bring a child safe, child friendly stuffed animal to donate to Children's Hospitals and your area First Responders.

Rotary International President's Representative: Himanshu Thackar and his wife Aruna are from District 3060 in India, the home district of RI President Kalyan Banerjee. Himanshu is PDG of his district, PP of the Rotary Club of Surat Gujarat and served as GSE team leader. Himanshu is a member of the Permanent Fund committee for India 2009-2013. He has received numerous awards for his involvement with the eradication of polio, the Family of Rotary, as a Foundation Alumni Resource Group coordinator and has served as an Assistant Advisor to TRF for D3260 for stewardship rehabilitation in 2007-20010. You will hear more about his Rotary involvement and meet this wonderful Rotary couple.

FRIENDS FOREVER: Past team member Louise Madden from Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland and the inspiration behind our Conference Theme "Rotarians Make a Difference" will be a special guest presenting with Steve Martineau, Executive Director.

RYLA: Julia Furtado, the current Miss Maine, who competed in the Miss America pageant, will be representing our New Generations and presenting on her platform of youth involvement and her experience as a RYLA participant and counselor. Julia is a student at the University of New England and has been involved in Habitat for Humanity, international soccer, and has worked with many organizations which focus on volunteerism.

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



Friday, April 20—

GSE inbound team from Germany arrives in Portland at 5:41pm. Flight No. 3338 from Philadelphia. Team will be met by District Governor Gary Speers and GSE Chairperson Grace Connolly.

All Rotarians from clubs that are hosting the inbound team and from clubs that are sponsoring outbound team members are invited to come to the airport and be part of the District 7780 "Welcome Committee."

May 6-9 —

Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.



Thursday, May 17—

District 4-Way Test Contest. For more information and timelines, contact pennyjett@comcast.net

May 18-20 —

District Conference at the Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME. Harraseeket is now accepting reservations at the conference rate. It's important to get your reservation in early to be sure you get the Rotary rate. Call 207- 865-9377



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There will be many inspirational and informational break out opportunities as our Rotarians share their passions for Service Above Self.

One of our goals is to continue to make Rotary fun just as we have all year so there will be 3 hospitality rooms hosted by Mort Schmidt of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle, and Mae Bradshaw and the Rotary Club of Exeter. All three will be located in the townhouses which will provide the opportunity for great fellowship with Rotarians across the district.

Now is the time to register for the conference on line on the District 7780 website and to also call the Harraseeket Inn for your room reservations and request the Rotary District Conference rate. Be sure to save some money by registering before April 26th. **Gary, Judy and G.M. hope to see you all there!**

-Gary



Myles of the Biddeford-Saco Club and Sabaro from the Saco Bay Rotary Club were at the annual TV auction held by the two clubs on March 25.

Governor Elect's Corner

BACK TO THE FUTURE

I spoke about Polio Plus to a sell-out audience at my parents' retirement home recently. Okay, so my Dad bribed his neighbors with ice cream and cookies prior to the talk (if you want to get the attention of octogenarians, provide food!), and I wore my Nigerian dress, which presumably upped the curiosity quotient, but even so, it was a good turnout. You see, in a retirement community, the subject of polio eradication is one that needs no introduction. This audience remembers when polio was a huge concern, right here in America.



There was not one member of the audience who didn't have a personal story to share about polio – they all knew a time in America when every summer brought a new outbreak of the disease. They remember when swimming pools and movie theaters – basically any place where kids would congregate – were closed to slow the contagion. And inevitably, they all remember a sibling or cousin or close friend who survived – or succumbed -- to the disease.

They also remember the relief they felt when the Salk vaccine became available in the mid-50s. My mother tells me that she still remembers the flood of relief she felt when she knew her children were finally safe from this one childhood menace. As a preschooler, when I received the Salk vaccine it was just one more childhood immunization. To her, it brought emancipation from a parent's worst nightmare.

My parents' generation also knows the heartbreak of post-polio syndrome. One of the elders I spoke with referred to it as "getting polio again," which isn't medically correct, but will do as a description of what happens: Polio survivors are taught to work hard and tirelessly stretch their muscles and rebuild their strength until many are able to "graduate" -- perhaps from a wheelchair to crutches or even a simple leg brace. But many of these same polio survivors eventually find their physical situation deteriorating once again. Inevitably, too many of them – despite even the strongest will -- lose control of their muscles and find themselves confined to a wheelchair once again.

I told the residents that they had done their job too well. I told them that because of their enthusiastic support for the public health campaigns here in North America that followed rollout of first the Salk and then the Sabin vaccine, that when I speak to younger audiences, I often have to explain what polio is. I told them that young people today frequently think polio is a disease about as antiquated and as far from their consciousness as, for example, yellow fever or leprosy (both of which are also very much still threats in the developing world).

Age may have brought its own mobility impairment to some in my audience, but many of my parents' neighbors have traveled around the globe, most have a good understanding of global issues, and all have lived long enough to give humanitarian needs proper value. They get it that parents in Africa and the subcontinent have the same right that they did to know that their children are safe from this crippling disease. They recognize that as long as polio remains endemic anywhere, it is only a plane-ride away from their own grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Total eradication, they understand, is the only answer.

At the end of my talk, I showed these octogenarians how to make the "We're this close" sign with their thumb and forefinger. And together, I led them in the call. "We're this close," we chanted. "End Polio Now." humanitarian mission Rotary would undertake next— after polio is eradicated.

-- - Marty Peak-Helman, District Governor-elect

ID	CLUB	CHARTERED	MEMBERS
6291	Bath	01-Mar-1919	44
26157	Bath Sunrise	12-Jan-1989	11
6293	Bethel	24-Jun-1974	31
6294	Biddeford-Saco	01-Mar-1920	66
6295	Boothbay Harbor	22-Nov-1939	60
65334	Breakwater Daybreak South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	10-May-2004	15
28318	Bridgton-Lake Region	30-Sep-1991	34
6296	Brunswick	19-May-1925	61
27503	Brunswick Coastal	30-Jul-1990	16
25511	Casco Bay-Sunrise (Portland Area)	20-Jun-1988	19
6298	Damariscotta-Newcastle	16-Dec-1924	57
6323	Dover	10-May-1924	69
24197	Durham Great Bay	02-Dec-1986	26
6324	Exeter	01-Dec-1959	43
55534	Falmouth	10-May-2001	18
21498	Freeport	21-Dec-1983	37
30074	Fryeburg Area	04-Apr-1994	30
6325	Hampton	22-Mar-1969	66
6302	Kennebunk	26-Mar-1925	71
27578	Kennebunk Portside	16-Oct-1990	38
24961	Kittery	13-Oct-1987	23
6287	Newburyport	10-May-1923	78
6318	Ogunquit	30-Jun-1972	32
21414	Oxford Hills	11-Nov-1983	34
6308	Portland	01-Sep-1915	121
6326	Portsmouth	28-Mar-1923	174
6311	River Valley (Greater Rumford Area)	26-Mar-1925	33
6327	Rochester	12-May-1960	105
26791	Saco Bay (Saco-Biddeford)	14-Nov-1989	63
6312	Sanford-Springvale	19-Jan-1923	46
6313	Scarborough	21-Nov-1960	20
51131	Seacoast Portsmouth	12-May-1998	48
6320	Sebago Lake (Windham Area)	15-Mar-1983	24
79471	South Berwick and Eliot	12-Jun-2008	42
6316	South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	20-Jan-1962	54
72654	Topsham Expresso	20-Apr-2006	23
23334	Wells	17-Jan-1986	37
6319	Westbrook-Gorham	08-Mar-1926	38
31699	Yarmouth	17-Jun-1996	10
6322	York	02-Apr-1982	41

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Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

Bath	Peter Heinz, Louise Bryant, Victoria Elwell
Bath Sunrise	Danny Dalton
Biddeford-Saco	Raynald Demers, Sarah Neault
Boothbay Harbor	Susan Dodge Duckworth, Catherine Wygant, Michele McLaren, Jean Huber, Brian McGrath, Stephen Francis
Breakwater Daybreak So Portland—Cape Elizabeth	Ronald Cantor
Bridgton-Lake Region	Robert Mawhinney, Deborah Ripley, W George Szok
Brunswick	Brandon Hussey, Laurel Koepke
Damariscotta-Newcastle	Hugh Riddleberger, Randy Cruz, Nancy Stoltz, Theodore Perkins, Thomas Blackford, Charles Farrell
Dover	Margaret Davis
Exeter	Jean Trefethen, Matthew Prior, Susan Engle
Falmouth	Roger Berube
Hampton	Tracy Gagnon, Donna Downes, Michelle Peabody, Marjolaine Madore
Kennebunk	Candace Jones, David Cluff, Laura Dolce
Kennebunk Portside	Karen Babb
Kittery	John Colbert, Gillian Marie Perron
Newburyport	G Frederick Pelham, Andrew Flanagan, Chris Skiba, Amanda Thompson, Adam Palombo, Jay McGovern
Ogunquit	Edwin Kirby Seppa
Oxford Hills	Christina Twitchell, Susan Cairns

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***New members from 1 October 2011— 18 March 2012.
All information provided by Rotary International.***

Welcome **NEW MEMBERS!** ...continued

Portland	Carl Spang, Laurie Warzinski, James Crocker, Glenn Nerbak, Robert Martin, Ken Hartwell, Allison Stiles, Stephen Shiman
Portsmouth	Gerald Gulley, Kate Catalano, Amy Colbert, Justin Finn, Joseph Bove, Janis Reams, Shaun O'Rorke, Brian Leader
River Valley (Greater Rumford Area)	Sylvia Anne Wendt
Rochester	Gary Branyen, Tracy Hayes, Michelle Auen-Mears, Richard Newman, Jr, Barbara Miller, Jonathan Shapleigh, Suzanne Melhorn
Saco Bay (Saco-Biddeford)	Connie Minervino
Sanford-Springvale	Jose Diaz, Anthony Cataldi, Alan Hebb, Jedidiah Petsinger
Scarborough	Ronald Allen, Ron Allen, Jason Shinn, Jamee Robinson
Seacoast Portsmouth	Sara Crowley, Susan Von Hemert, Gabriele DiSaverio, Renee Krieger, Laura Burbine, Matthew Deyo
Sebago Lake (Windham Area)	Frankee Chapa
South Berwick & Eliot	Seth LaFlamme
South Portland – Cape Elisabeth	Nils Noren, Robert Porter, Cyndie Santos, Sean O'Hare, Alec Livingston, Alan Hawkins, Randall Smith
Topsham Expresso	J Donald Spann
Wells	Annette Marie Lewia, Barry Wolfson, George Raftopoulos
Westbrook-Gorham	Marc Gousse
York	Bernie Lontine, Jr

Togo Trainee Fits LN-4 Prosthesis to Afghan Amputee

Brandon Soncy is from Afagnan, Togo. He assisted our District's Rotaplast mission there last year. Rotarians Jim Price (Breakwater Daybreak) and Ellie Andrews (Bethel) also trained Brandon to fit the LN-4 prosthesis during this mission. Brandon recently sent two photos showing a 14-year old boy from Afagnan with his mother and writing with the new prosthesis. Price arranged with Daniel Kuevi-Akoe (Kennebunk Portside) to send two more prostheses to Brandon.

-submitted by Jim Price, Breakwater Daybreak RC



DISTRICT CONFERENCE MAY 18-20 Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, Maine

HOTEL RESERVATIONS : Many Rotarians are reserving rooms at the Harraseeket Inn and over half of our rooms are already taken, so don't forget to CONTACT THE HARRASEEKET INN DIRECTLY at **207-865-9377 OR 800-342-6423**. For more information, check out the hotels website at: www.harraseeketinn.com

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (Excludes Hotel Reservations above!)
On the District Website : <http://tinyurl.com/87yt5zm>



SPECIAL NOTE: The Early Bird Special for Conference Registration is being extended to April 26th!
Early Bird Special Rotarian Registration: \$80.00 each
Early Bird Special for Partner or Guest Registration: \$70.00 each
Late Duck (After April 26, 2012) Rotarians and Guest Registrations: \$90.00 each
Dead Duck (NO registrations will be accepted after May 12, 2012 or on site at conference)

Portsmouth Rotary Club's "Got Milk?" Program Provides An Entire Year of Milk for 300 Food Pantry Families



L to R: Catherine Edison of Portsmouth Rotary Club's Basic Needs Committee, and fellow Rotarian Mark Sullivan (right), Founder of the Pease 'n Carrots Annual Holiday Food Drive, presented checks totaling \$3,600 to the Seacoast Family Food Pantry's Margie Parker and Diane Giese

"Got Milk?" was the question posed to Portsmouth Rotarians this month, when a proposal made by the Pease 'n Carrots Holiday Food Drive to provide milk for 300 families receiving assistance from the Seacoast Family Food Pantry was discussed. The Portsmouth Rotary Club's Basic Needs Committee agreed to give \$3,600 towards milk for needy families, which added to the contributions of canned goods and donations collected by the Pease n' Carrots Annual effort, run by Rotarian Mark Sullivan of Seacoast Asset Management. Sullivan was instrumental in helping the food pantry obtain discounted milk along with a large, new refrigeration unit provided and maintained by H. P. Hood beginning last year, and wanted to further help the Food Pantry by subsidizing projected 2012 milk costs.

Director Diane Giese said, "This \$3,600 will fund our entire projected milk budget for all of 2012, and is so important in our endeavor to provide healthy foods to our individuals and families. We really appreciate the considerable efforts on our behalf."

"Mark Sullivan has shown the food pantry ways to reduce costs and serve a greater number of families through his diligent efforts," said Rotarian Catherine Edison of Community Child Care Center of Portsmouth, who is chairperson of the Basic Needs Committee. "It made perfect sense to fund this project for 2012, as the number of families served has tripled in the last three years."

The Portsmouth Rotary Club (PortsmouthRotary.org), chartered on March 28, 1923, is the largest Rotary Club in New England with 174 members committed to living the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self." The Seacoast Family Food Pantry was organized in 1816 as the Ladies Humane Society. Originally intended to assist the families of fishermen, this agency has been redefined, eventually evolving into the Seacoast Family Food Pantry in 2007. The Annual Pease 'n Carrots Holiday Food Drive was founded in 2008 by Seacoast Asset Management (SeacoastAssetMgt.com), a fiduciary investment advisory firm, in cooperation with Two International Group, CP Property Management, Philbrick's Fresh Market and the Pease Tradeport community.

-submitted by Catherine Edison, Portsmouth RC

Club Visioning

Over the past 17 months, our District 7780 Vision Facilitators have conducted visioning events for 18 clubs in the district. Creating a club vision is a critical first step in a long range planning process. Several of those clubs recently reported on the progress that they are making toward their vision.

Dover is the latest club to host a visioning event with 18 members participating. District facilitators included Vic Taylor, Carolyn and Peter Johnson, Rick Goodrich, and Judy Morin.



Dover club members vote on ideas for their club's vision

Members' comments speak to the evening's success:

"We will implement many of the ideas – some of them immediately."

"When implemented we will meet our goals. Bring focus and consistency."

"I highly recommend the process for all district clubs."

The most valuable part was the discussion was:

"Getting everyone together for more than an hour to think deeply and openly."

"It helped me understand what members felt."



If your club is interested in learning more about the visioning process, please contact Tony Wagner, Club Visioning Team Coordinator, 207-799-7997 or tony.bellner@gmail.com

-submitted by Sue Gesing, Kennebunk Portside RC



News from the Rotary Club of Bethel

Three Telstar Regional High School students attended the Rotary District 7780 2012 District Assembly & Interact Conference March 24 at the University of Southern Maine. The Bethel Rotary Club hopes to re-establish its Interact Club. Rotarian and Principal Dan Hart identified **Allysa Brands, Colton Davis and Maisey Griffin** (shown here) as school leaders. The conference provided the students an opportunity to learn about various Rotary Youth Programs.



Suzanne Dunham and Scott Hynek.

The Rotary Club of Bethel inducted Suzanne Dunham at their March 27th meeting. Suzanne's classification is Modern Homesteader.

District Assembly Brings Together Rotarians, Interactors, Fellowship and Learning



Lawrence Furbish

The 2012 District Assembly, MCed by Governor Nominee Designate Lawrence Furbish brought close to 300 Rotarians and Interactors together for a day of learning and fellowship recently at the University of Southern Maine. The day included presentations of activities that the District will sponsor next year. These include a Group Study Exchange of special education professionals to Nigeria, and the audience heard from Gio Atura, shown here with Rotarian Marilyn Kellogg, of the educational needs in his home country. We also heard about the Friendship Exchange planned by Denise Griffin and Stephanie Blecharczyk with District 6840 in the Gulf Coast, and how they will visit us in the fall for a week of sightseeing, fellowship and a service project, and we will visit them during Mardi Gras, also to enjoy the sights and participate in a service project. The Interact teens joined Rotarians in plenary (and won a raffle or two organized by chair Dru Laduke); but perhaps the best interchanges were the informal ones, over lunch or in the breaks.



Marilyn Kellogg and Gio Atura



Friendship team Denise Griffin and Stephanie Blecharczyk



Dru Laduke presents raffle prize to winning Interactor



Lunchtime



Interactors



Future presidents Sam Heck (Casco Bay); Dave Underhill (Portsmouth); and Ranjit Gill (Freeport)

Rotary District 7780 OutGoing GSE Team visit Bethel Rotary



Agus Silveira-Galban, Ashley Randall, Ellie Andrews (Club President), Barbara Sutcliffe and Lawrence Furbish (GSE Outgoing Team Leader)

Some members of the 2012 Rotary District Outgoing GSE Team met at the Rotary Club of Bethel, Maine. Ashley J. Randall provided a power point presentation on her personal background. Ashley was sponsored by the Rotary Club of York and is employed as an Assistant Manager at The Bank of Maine. She has volunteered at the National Alliance on Mental Illness, American Red Cross and United Way. Ashley enjoys snowboarding/skiing, hiking, photography, traveling, yoga and spending time with friends and family.



Ashley J. Randall

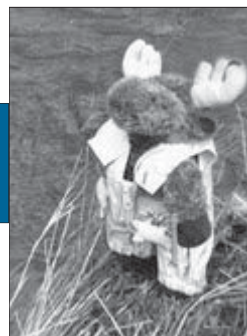
Gould Academy Seniors Volunteer at Safe Passage



L to R: Matt Knox, Jeb Clarke, Peter Bullard, Evan Gorski, Alex DesMarais and Becky Andreozzi—Team Leader/Faculty

Five students at Gould Academy, Bethel, Maine elected to volunteer at Safe Passage, Guatemala for their senior project. They spoke to the Rotary Club of Bethel about their experiences on March 27. They visited schools and interacted with children 5 to 18. Safe Passage was started to give the children who scavenged at the dumps to help support their families an opportunity at education. The Gould Academy students found their trip to be a real "eye opener" about conditions in Guatemala. The older Guatemalan students especially enjoyed talking in English with the students from Gould Academy.

From the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club



Little Larry fishes the Mousam River on

District Rotary Team END POLIO NOW

Are you a cyclist or recreational rider? Consider wearing a Rotary jersey and/or shorts and supporting Rotary's mission **End Polio Now**

You can also join the team END POLIO NOW by registering in the
Trek Across Maine June 15-17, 2012

Sponsored by the American Lung Association

www.Biketreknwengland.org



Order team jerseys and/or shorts shown for \$70 & \$65 each
by April 10, 2012 from Ilse Yanis, 207-799-2314, or
ilseyanis@mac.com.

Mail check to: 128 Hawthorne Lane, South Portland, ME 04016

<u>MEN'S</u>	<u>2XS</u>	<u>XS</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>XL</u>	<u>2XL</u>	<u>3XL</u>
CHEST	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
WAIST	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40
HIP	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46

<u>WOMEN'S</u>	<u>2XS</u>	<u>XS</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>XL</u>	<u>2XL</u>	<u>3XL</u>
CHEST	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	NA
WAIST	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38
HIP	32	33	35	37	39	41	43	45

<u>Item</u>	<u>M/W</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>quantity</u>	<u>\$ ea</u>	<u>\$Total</u>
Jersey				\$70	
Shorts				\$65	