

*I believe that
every right implies
a responsibility;
every opportunity,
an obligation; every
possession a duty.*

-John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

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District 7780 News



**Gary Speers
District Governor**



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July 2011

Greetings fellow Rotarians of District 7780!

As most of you know by now, RI President Kalyan Banerjee has asked all Rotarians to *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity* during the 2011-12 Rotary year.

Banerjee made a special point of emphasizing the family as a starting point in serving others. "The communities we live in are not built of individual people but of families -- families living in homes together, sharing their lives and their resources and their common destinies. Good families lead to good neighborhoods, and good neighborhoods build good communities."

As Banerjee has also indicated, this month we turn over a new page in our calendars and in the history of Rotary, a blank page with the lines still to be inscribed. He asks us "shall it be a year with stories of successes, of hope, of possibilities realized and of victories gained?"

We hope to fill our Rotary Calendars and our District Newsletter with the stories of opportunities taken and tales of our wonderful club and Rotarian successes.

We especially hope that while doing this you will take the opportunity to have fun as Rotarians and join in our "Moose on the Loose" campaign by decorating, naming and taking your club Moose to all of your events, fund raisers and projects then submitting the photos and a write up of your tales and successes for your District Newsletter.

Judy and I will be looking forward to bringing G.M. (Governor Moose) to meet all of you soon!

-Gary



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

JULY

Friday, July 1 –
Beginning of new
Rotary fiscal year



Wednesday, July 20— Lobster
Bake (South Portland-Cape Eliza)

Wednesday, July 27—Jesuit Volun-
teer Corps in Nicaragua (South Port-
land-Cape Eliza)

Saturday, July 31 — District Simpli-
fied Grant applications due to the Dis-
trict.

AUGUST

Thursday, August 4— Thunder
Chicken 5K Road Race (Portsmouth)

**Saturday,
August 13**—
Work Party at
Partners for
World Health
(Scarborough)



Saturday, August 13 — PETS pre-
planning meeting, 9:00 a.m., Framing-
ham Sheraton.

Wednesday, August 24—
International Projects in the Philip-
pines (South Portland-Cape Eliza)

August 25-28 — 24-32 Zone Insti-
tute, Boston.



SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 1— Team Leader-
ship applications due. Contact Grace Con-
nolly grace.connolly@verizon.net

Saturday, September 10 — PETS pre-
planning meeting, 9:00 a.m., Nashua Mar-
riott.

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1— Team Member
applications due. Contact Grace Connolly
grace.connolly@verizon.net

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

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

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

Monday, October 24 — World Polio
Day.

NOVEMBER

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

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



**November 27— De-
cember 11** — Rotaplast mission to
Togo, West Africa. Contact Bill Dunn,
wdunn@sunsetpoint.biz



*Official Governors Visits
in JULY...*

14: Casco Bay

19: Bethel

**19: River Valley/
Greater Rumford**

20: Oxford Hills

21: Bridgton-Lakes

26: Fryeburg

**27: Breakwater
Daybreak**

28: Sebago Lake

29: Bath Sunrise

29: Portland



*G.M. on the Loose at the
Rotary International
Convention in
New Orleans*

*Official Governors Visits in
AUGUST...*

- 1: Wells**
- 1: Exeter**
- 2: Kittery**
- 3: Durham Great Bay**
- 3: Dover**
- 4: Seacoast Ports-mouth**
- 4: Portsmouth**
- 5: York**
- 8: Rochester**
- 9: Hampton**
- 9: Newburyport**
- 10: Ogunquit**
- 11: South Berwick-Eliot**
- 11: Kennebunk**
- 15: Falmouth**
- 16: Bath**
- 17: Biddeford-Saco**
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Momma Moose at Rye Harbor

DISTRICT CALENDAR continued

Save the Date! Save the Date! (continued)

2012

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

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

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

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

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



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



2013

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

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



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

District Simplified Grants

Rotary Foundation Funding Available for Club Projects

Is your club planning a new service project this year? If so, the project may qualify for a District Simplified Grant!

Last year, nine clubs successfully applied for District Simplified Grants. Projects ran the gamut from reading programs to sprucing up a food pantry to a therapy project for dementia patients.

To qualify, the project must be new to the club, it must fall within one of Rotary's Areas of Focus (see list below); it must provide good PR for the club and it must be completed within the Rotary fiscal year (prior to July 2012). In addition, it must involve a fair number of club members and help a good number of people. The club must contribute a minimum of \$500 toward the project.

Rotary's Areas of Focus are:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Competition for District Simplified Grants is competitive, and must follow the guidelines of The Rotary Foundation and the District 7780 Foundation Committee. You can find these guidelines – as well as an application – on the District website

(www.rotary7780.org) or contact our grants team: Mary Tennant

(marytennant15@yahoo.com) and John Atwood (atwood@midcoast.com) for specifics. **The deadline for application is July 31, 2011.**

Vision Facilitator Training

District Announces Vision Facilitator Training For New & Existing Team Members

Important - Save the date !
Saturday, August 20, 2011

Cathy Smith, Past District 5960 Governor and member of the International Vision Facilitation Council, will provide Facilitator training for the existing Vision Facilitation Team members as well as potential new facilitators. This includes new information and materials for use at future Club Visioning events. Existing team members will have an opportunity to share what they have learned over the past year, and to pick up tips from a different trainer and other team members.



If you are a Past President and have interest in serving the District by helping to develop stronger Clubs, please contact Jim Price, District Vision Facilitation Chair, by July 15, 2011 at jamesbprice@mac.com or 207-799-2314 for more information. The training is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. Seating capacity is limited, so please respond soonest.

Governor Elect's Corner

On my first day at Camp RYLA I was unable to climb the ratlines to start the high ropes course.

It wasn't fear of heights -- I wasn't far enough off the ground for that. Maybe I forgot to push with my legs rather than pull with my arms -- or maybe I couldn't generate the upper body strength -- but I couldn't make it up the rope netting.



Welcome to Camp RYLA.

RYLA, our Rotary District's leadership camp for 15-year-olds, is a remarkable opportunity for young people to practice their leadership styles in an adventure camp environment. In just a few short days, the kids explore their abilities, learn their strengths, talk about successful and less successful leadership styles, and bond with one another. I was there to teach public speaking -- which some of the young people find more intimidating than the toughest ropes course -- and to learn more about the program.

What I learned is that RYLA is providing our kids with tremendous skill sets -- and generating enthusiasm for both Interact and Rotaract.

On my last day at RYLA I returned to the high ropes course. I took a deep breath, climbed the 30-foot utility pole and rewarded myself with a ride down the zip-line. Okay, so I skipped the whole middle part of the course, but I felt redeemed. After all, RYLA -- like everything in Rotary -- is all about doing one's personal best!

--Marty Peak Helman, District Governor-elect

*Official Governors
Visits in AUGUST*

Continued...

**17: South Portland-
Cape Elizabeth**

18: Boothbay Harbor

**29: Topsham Ex-
presso**

29: Brunswick

**30: Kennebunk
Portside**

**30: Westbrook Gor-
ham**

31: Scarborough

31: Brunswick Coastal

*Official Governors
Visits in SEPTEMBER*

1: Saco Bay

**2: Sanford-
Springvale**

12: Yarmouth

**13: Damariscotta-
Newcastle**



*Damariscotta-Newcastle
Club Changeover Event
hosted by President
Lorraine Faherty*

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

RYLA – Our District's Youth Leadership

RYLA is a remarkable District program that provides over 100 high school students with leadership training and experiences in an adventure camp setting. The kids spend four days in small groups, where they run through a series of challenge activity. A typical activity requires the team to lead all members through a maze from Point A to Point B. Achieving each activity requires participation by the whole team – and just when the kids think they have figured out how to achieve the goal, their team leaders add



“handicaps” by blindfolding some of the participants, or by changing the rules.



After each exercise, the team takes time to reflect on what they did well, what they could have done better, and which leadership style proved most powerful in specific situations. These reflections bring the learning home and are the most far-reaching portion of the RYLA experience.

Throughout RYLA, participants grade themselves on the Four-Way Test; they bond with their team and embark on solid friendships. They also learn about Interact and other Rotary youth opportunities. Almost 40 percent of this year's participants are already Inter-actors.

On the last day, each camper experiences a two-hour solo; they are out in the woods armed with only a notebook and pencil. The idea is for each camper to capture their thoughts and personal feelings as well as any promises they make to themselves. The note books are collected and their jottings will be mailed back to each camper in December, so they can see how well they are doing with the skills they learned during RYLA. The December mailing will also include an application to return to RYLA as junior staff. Typically, one-third of RYLarians will apply for a staff position.
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PHOTOS: Registration line; Trust fall—get to know fellow campers; Helping hand; First lunch—the meeting of Boy Scout and RYLA groups
Photo Thanks to Tim Burns



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) continued...



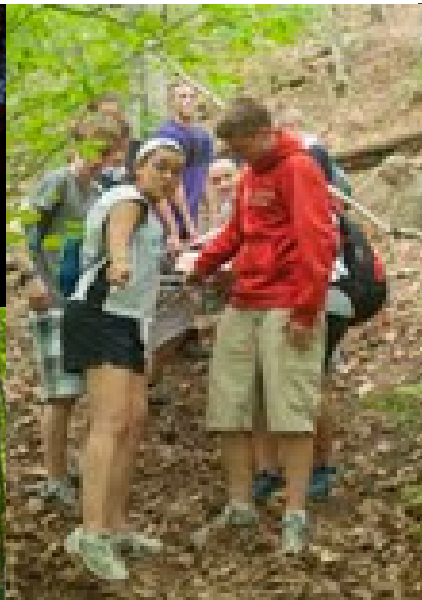
Team leaders are all RYLA graduates, and they are just a few years older than the participants. This adds to the bonding experience of the entire group, and it also means that the team leaders themselves continue to grow as they return to RYLA each summer and take on increasing leadership roles.

RYLA takes place the last week of June each year at Boy Scout Camp Hines in Raymond, Maine. This year, about 15 District clubs nominated sophomore high school students for the RYLA program. Each campership costs the club \$300; a club may send up to 10 students to the program each year.

It takes a great deal of preparation to create a successful RYLA. Kudos go to this year's camp director, Bob O'Connell from the Dover Club, and to assistant director Jared Avery from the Scarborough club. They were supported by a remarkable number of qualified program staff – not only all graduates of the program but many of them Interactors or Rotaractors. Rotarians Sherry Rand (from Hampton) and Governor-elect Marty Helman (from Boothbay Harbor) rounded out the leadership team.

For more information about RYLA, contact Bob O'Connell, RYLA director,
ryla7780@yahoo.com.

-Marty Peak Helman



The Final Push

By Ted Trainer, District PolioPlus Chair



Global Polio Case Update (June 30, 2011)

Most recent confirmed case: Pakistan 10 June 2011. Last case in India: 13 January 2011. Last case in Nigeria: 29 May 2011. Last case in Afghanistan: 6 June 2011. Most recent case in non-endemic country: 27 May 2011 (Chad)

Progress on the Challenge

RI Goal to meet \$355,000,000 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Challenge: \$200,000,000, by 6/30/12.

Global Raised to Date: c \$174.7 million (as of 31 May 2011)

2011-2012 District 7780 Goal: a suggested donation of \$2,000 from each club

Polio Updates for Club PolioPlus or Foundation chairs – or others. Last year I set up an email list of club Foundation or PolioPlus chairs to receive more frequent and varied news and information about the polio program than is possible to include in this monthly newsletter. I have asked each of these Rotarians to give me the address of the 2011-2012 chairs and to let me know if they want to stay on the list or be taken off. In addition, if any of you reading this message would like to receive these emails please let me know: tedtrainer@roadrunner.com.

PolioPlus Society. *Commitments continue to come in. Let's shoot for 10% of the membership of every club!!* Join the PolioPlus Society. Go to www.rotary7780.org. Click on "Rotary Foundation" on the left side; Click on "PolioPlus" on the left side; Download "PolioPlus Society." Send completed form to me, as directed. They are trickling in, but we want them to sweep in like a flood.

How to send PolioPlus donations thru your club to The Rotary Foundation. Download the Global Contribution Form (123-EN) from RI or from Google --Google is easier. This is the form for all TRF contributions. In Section 1 there are boxes under Designation. Check off Polio Plus. Put in your club number and the district number (7780). The form and check go to: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693. (Courtesy Liz Cullen, District Foundation chair)

From the District PolioPlus Chair

Gary Speers has asked me to reflect on what it will take for the final push to eradicate polio. Expert committees and bloggers have been prognosticating on this subject for years. The current goal is final case of wild polio in 2012 and certified eradication in 2015. The elements required to complete the job are money, political commitment, technology and program management.

POLIO PLUS continued....

Money. This was originally thought to be the most difficult challenge but is now, probably, the easiest remaining task. It will take \$9.8 billion to eradicate polio but we only have \$655 million more to raise. *If* we meet our Gates Challenge and if commitments by other organizations and governments are met, we will have the money to complete the job. *To ensure District 7780 does our share for the Gates Challenge, Gary Speers is suggesting a 2011-2012 polio fundraising goal for each club of \$2,000.*

Political Commitment. As I learned first-hand during my days trying to obtain buy-in from the governments of polio-endemic countries, money is not the real motivator. Fund-starved Ministries of Health have to mobilize thousands of workers, restore dilapidated infrastructure and put off work on other more urgently perceived health priorities in order to successfully implement polio vaccination campaigns. And they have to keep doing polio, and doing polio, and doing polio.... Thanks to the extraordinary international partnership that Rotary significantly helped to put together – what is now called the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – the political will challenge has now been met, with the possible exception of Pakistan. (I have previously written that if the international coalition backs off and Pakistan sees it is the sole remaining polio endemic country, the government will quickly find what it takes to eradicate polio).



Technology. Albert Sabin, the inventor of the original trivalent oral polio vaccine strongly believed that if hundreds of thousands of volunteers spread out across the globe and dropped his vaccine into the mouths of all the kids, polio would disappear. In a very real sense that is what we have been doing these past 25 years, but significant problems have had to be overcome. For example, the vaccine efficacy rapidly deteriorated in tropical climates with inadequate cold chain; the vaccine, even if basically good, was not effective in some situations; and many people objected to be given the drops for religious or political reasons. Now, with Type 2 polio eradicated, there is a new bivalent vaccine which *seems* to work in *most* of the remaining polio pockets and the availability of adequate cold chain is no longer a major concern. We probably have the technology to complete the job, especially with the availability of the Salk vaccine if needed.

Program Management. The most serious remaining national level challenges are Chad, where polio was re-introduced, and Pakistan. In the detailed reports I have read about these countries, problems of worker training, supervision and reporting, and program logistics seem to be the major barriers. Political will can only go so far in solving these issues – one needs competent, honest, educated/trained and dedicated program managers and field workers. Traditionally, Ministries of Health, in charge of polio eradication, have not had these assets. This is to me the major remaining challenge. A possible solution will come naturally: as the areas in the country where polio is endemic continues to shrink the more capable management people will be moved into the problem areas and the work will be more effective. That is what happened in the end stage of the eradication of smallpox in the horn of Africa.

So, will we meet the objective? Yes, we certainly can and I think we will. As one of the GPEI leaders has stated: “to stop now would be snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.” We Rotarians have demonstrated over our 100 + year history that when we put out attention to some issue we generally succeed. Our example in polio has been illuminating to our partners. We should be able to win this one. -Ted

CLUB NEWS

Rochester NH Rotary

The 2011 Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway will take place on Saturday, August 27th at the Rochester Community Center. Collection boxes are located throughout Rochester.

What's up with District 7780?

The Rotary Club of Dover NH

- Raised \$7,500.00 on our 11th annual golf tournament.
- On August 24th club members and guests will have a social on a Portsmouth Harbor Cruise.
- In August we will have the dedication for the Park Street Park that was renovated by our club over a two year period.
- Our literacy committee is applying for grants to help fund a pilot project for 100 educators and 2000 students in the Dover public school system.
- Our Back to School Committee has launched the summer program that reaches 60 high risk students.
- Sponsoring "Kids Night Out" at Henry Law Park.
- Our Club will be sponsoring an evening at the Cocheco Arts Festival.
- Nancy Boyle is ramping up for the 2011/2012 Boot and Shoe Program that was started in 1950.



Seabago Lake Rotary Pizza Challenge Event hosted by President Renee Pottle

Rotary Club of South Berwick-Eliot

- Sponsored an Annual Strawberry Festival
- Is writing the Simplified grant to help fund library books for area students.
- Coordinating the annual lobster bake that will take place in September.

Rotary Club of Durham-Great Bay

- The big fundraiser is July 4th the celebration and fireworks will take place at UNK's Cowell Stadium.
- A literacy project is in the planning and will take place at a local elementary school.
- The Club will be hosting DG Gary Speers and wife Judy for an evening social hour on Tuesday, August 2nd.

Bath Sunrise Club reports they made \$2,000. on their Chicken BBQ Friday night. At the Front Street Shuffle on Sunday July 3, they had over 95 cars. It was a great day with a lot of people enjoying at the cars! Bath Sunrise helps to put on this event each year.

On July 4, the **Brunswick Club** had their kids day at the Brunswick Mall. Over 75 kids playing games! It was a great time and a good way to show the community Rotary in Action. They also had their moose, all dressed up, even with Bean boots.



Scarborough Club President Kerstin Kirchner prepares to take her "Moose on the Loose" on the journey to recognize her club events during 2011-12.

Bethel Rotary Club

An unusual fundraiser used at the Annual Yard Sale. It was such a big hit they plan to use it at Bethel's Mollycokett Day event.

"Chicken Chip Casino" - Participants bought \$1 tickets with numbers to match 144 squares laid out on a sheet of wood enclosed in a wire pen. After all the squares that had been bought, two chickens, provided by farmer/Rotarian Scott Hynek of Bethel were placed in the pen. When one of the birds left a calling card on square #59, a winner was declared and received half the pot \$72.!!



Newburyport hands over gavel while fundraising!

The Rotary Club of Newburyport held a fundraising Changeover Dinner on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. The event, held at the Nicholson Hall in Newburyport, was attended by Rotarians and their spouses. \$5,000 was raised to help support local charities. President Ann Ormond was awarded a Presidential Gavel Plaque by incoming President Sue Christ for her great year of leading our club. Other officers for the 2011-2012 year are: President Elect Liz Jutras, Vice Presidents John Leary and Kiki Cashman, Secretary Ed Ridolfi, Treasurer Jane Yandell and Sargent at Arms Nick Chapman.



News from Area 7's new Assistant Governor, Vic Taylor

It has been a busy week as every club in my district had an event of some sort. The first was the Damariscotta – Newcastle Club. On Monday evening, members and guest met at the 1812 Farmhouse in Bristol Mills. The food was excellent and the company even better. Outgoing President Judy (Speers) had printed pictures of most club members during the year. These were great fun to review. The usual gifts and thoughtful remarks were given as the gavel was passed from Judy to Incoming President Lorraine Flaherty. It was a totally delightful way to end one year and begin another. The moose was sighted in full regalia at the head table.

On Tuesday I attended the Bath Club meeting at the Holiday in for the first time. Once again, the food was superb including the best vegetable lasagna this AG has ever had! President Mike (Baribeau) had many awards to hand out to members as well as generous donations to local organizations whose representatives were in attendance. Mike then reviewed his year which, like most clubs, was filled with many successes. Incoming President John Evans accepted the gavel at the end of the meeting with an appropriate amount of humility. In addition to the excellent food and fun a new member was introduced.

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Newburyport
Outgoing President
Midge Nelson and
Incoming President
Chris McMahon

Vic Taylorcontinued

After a break on Wednesday it was back to the party circuit with a boat cruise along with members of the Boothbay Harbor Club. Although incoming president Jim Stormont could not be there, due to a family emergency, he was well represented by his picture as well as a few remarks over his cell phone. Outgoing president Connie (Jones) is to be congratulated for having the shortest speech on record. I am sure she will have a great deal more to say at the meeting next week where she is the program. The weather was perfect and the time flew by as everyone chatted and enjoyed the sights.



On Friday at 5 PM my wife Joan and I found ourselves with aprons on helping to serve chicken to anyone interested at the Bath Heritage Festival. This was a very good arrangement for us because we had already had enough to eat during the week. A little work was just the right thing. The meal included 1/2 of a barbecued chicken, potatoes, rolls, butter, watermelon, pie and a drink!

It must have been very good because there was a steady line of happy people being served. This event is put on annually by the Bath Sunrise Club who cleverly placed their "line" right beside the band pavilion so the servers had music to dance to.



And so, that wraps up my first week as AG. I can honestly say that it was a wonderful week packed with wonderful conversations with wonderful people. I feel very lucky indeed to have this opportunity.



Assistant Governor Vic Taylor and spouse Joan toast the new Rotary year at the District Changeover



Moose ready to bust "Loose" at the District Changeover

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER DINNER

Welcome Gary Speers - District Governor !



District 7780 Assistant Governors and Presidents Prepare to "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity" with their wonderful Clubs



District Governor Nominee Carolyn Johnson offers the invocation



Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club Changeover Ceremony hosted by President Lawrence Furbish



Gov Gary inducted by Past Rotary International Vice President Mike McGovern