

*Life is not  
so much  
about  
beginnings  
and endings  
as it is  
about going  
on and on  
and on*

*-Anna Quindlen*

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# District 7780 News



**Gary Speers  
District Governor**



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**June 2012**

## ***Greetings District 7780 Rotarians!***

Thank You all for what has been one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of a lifetime! Judy and I appreciate the reception we have received from all of the clubs and all of the love and support for Rotary we have observed throughout the District this past year. We began our journey hoping to raise awareness for the needs of our youth throughout the world and we have been simply amazed at everything that you as Rotarians have accomplished this year.



Thanks to our hardworking District Conference Committee, we were fortunate to share a few of the highlight moments of the year at the Harraseeket Inn. As all of our well traveled "Moose on the Loose" began to gather in the House of Friendship to display the results of our hard working clubs, we were able to enjoy thirty wonderful photo layouts of their exploits. Thanks to all who participated in the "Moose on the Loose" competition, the auction, the balloon raffle and the bidding on MaxiMoose, we were able to raise \$8874 for our Rotary Foundation.

We were so pleased at the wonderful sharing of the talents of our "New Generation" of young leaders which was kicked off with the Yarmouth Middle School musicians and then was followed up by our 4-Way Test winner, our young vocalist from Lincoln Academy, Miss Maine, and our own personal inspiration for the Conference Theme, Friends Forever team member Louise Madden from Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland. The outstanding group of Freeport Interactors created a long lasting memorial of the occasion with their U.S. Map project painted on the playground at Morse Elementary School.

We were so inspired by the wonderful projects we heard about at the Conference, Rotaplast, Give a Hand, the Vermont Grant, H2O for Life, Karl's Kids, the Literacy Project Success and Promoting Public Image.

We also shed a few tears of joy this past week as we got to meet Genesis, the six month old beautiful youngster who just came through open heart surgery thanks to the Gift of Life program. A very special day!

We join our Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee as we urge all of you to continue to "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity,

*-Gary & Judy Speers*

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



**June 24 - June 27**

**RYLA :** High school sophomore leadership program at Camp Hinds, Raymond, ME



**Sunday, July 1, 3:30 pm**

**Rotary Foundation Major Donor Reception** by invitation only at Spruce Point Inn prior to the District Changeover

**Sunday, July 1, 4:30-7:30 pm**

**District Changeover Lobster Bake** at Spruce Point Inn in Boothbay Harbor. Join your club President as he or she is inducted into his/her new responsibilities by Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka and enjoy an old-fashioned lobster bake with all the trimmings. Cost: \$55; register online ([www.rotary7780.org](http://www.rotary7780.org)).



**Friday, August 10**

**Long-Haulers Luncheon** for Rotarians who joined the organization prior to 1992. Place and details TBA.

**Saturday, August 18**

**Deadline for DSG applications.**

Applications for clubs to receive District Simplified Grants to help their community must be received by the District by this date. See details at [www.rotary7780.org](http://www.rotary7780.org)



**Saturday, September 8 -**

**District Foundation Seminar.**

Location and details TBA.

**Friday, September 28—**

**Mardi Gras Fellowship Dinner**

Guest speaker, Governor Don Bryan from Louisiana, will tell the untold story of what Rotarians did when disaster struck in their own communities. Place and details TBA.



**September 29-30—**

**NorthEast LINK**, Boxborough, MA, for all Rotary Ambassadorial and World Peace Fellows.

**October 17-20—**

**Zone 24-32 Meeting** in Vancouver, BC, for all past, present and future District Governors.



**Saturday, October 27 —**

**District Membership/PR/Visioning Seminar**, location and agenda TBA.

## *Multiplying the Polio Plus Effect*

One of the fabulous things about attending a Rotary International Convention is the opportunity to hear from the most senior, tuned-in minds in Rotary, sometimes (as in the Q&As) off-script and unrehearsed. And so, my most significant takeaway from this year's Convention in Bangkok -- not that you will find it as a formal agenda item -- is that the "Future Vision" plan of The Rotary Foundation, which takes effect here in this District and worldwide in July 2013, is a lot more than a new way to do humanitarian grants. It's a rethink of what it is that Rotary does, and a promise to ensure that what we do creates maximum impact.

From the beginning, we have been talking about Future Vision as a way to streamline processes and push decision-making down to the districts while, presumably, saving costs. Future Vision is all that. But Future Vision - new Foundation processes coming at a time when we are feeling the success of the Polio Plus campaign -- is turning into a whole lot more.

After all, Polio Plus successfully pulled together what it is that makes Rotary unique -- 1.2 committed members located around the globe -- with the financial prowess of the Gates Foundation, the technical know-how of the WHO and UNICEF, and the political will of governments around the world. It's been a magic formula that has saved hundreds of thousands of lives and turned into the largest healthcare campaign in history.

And there are so many other needs out there that could be addressed with similar global partnerships.

That's where Future Vision comes in. Through Future Vision, Rotary hopes to combine our best asset -- our 1.2 million members -- with the expertise and deep pockets of other partners in order to solve myriad humanitarian goals. Imagine tackling multiple humanitarian needs with the assets we've pulled together for Polio Plus. Imagine the power of the "we're this close" campaign tuned to everything Rotary stands for. Imagine being part of a worldwide movement that not only makes change but is known and respected worldwide for the change we do.

We've always said that everything in Rotary starts at the Club level and percolates up. But let's face it: A club or district can't connect with a USAID or a Gates Foundation. That takes the commitment and outreach of Rotary International itself, and that's where Future Vision's "packaged grants" as well as our existing Rotarian Action Groups come in: Rotary International will partner with a world-class organization that has the deep pockets and technical know-how to work on a humanitarian concern, but which lacks the human capital to make it happen. Rotary will supply that human capital through "packaged grants" which make it possible for any of us, Rotarians committed to the cause, to volunteer to provide the legwork and the boots on the ground to solve the humanitarian problem.

Just as we have been doing so successfully with Polio Plus.

Despite the bigness of this vision, Rotary also remains committed to the ideal that change happens one life at a time. So clubs and districts that want to continue to be involved with relatively small grants and scholarships can continue to do so. There will still be District Grants that will involve less paperwork and fewer restrictions to do good both at home or abroad.

But here's the catch: The finances of the Rotary Foundation are only as big as our giving, and let's face it: There's always more need than money available.

For that reason, 7780's District Foundation Committee and the District Transition Committee that is working on plans for Future Vision are putting together a Foundation Seminar next October that will provide all Rotarians in this District the opportunity to chime in and help determine which Foundation programs we would most like to support.

You'll be hearing more about this planning event in coming months, but the bottomline is this: The Rotary Foundation is OUR Foundation. How we wish to invest the funds we donate to humanitarian good is the decision -- and the responsibility -- of all of us.

I look forward to working with all of you on crafting our humanitarian goals -- and making them real.

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



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***Moose on the Loose Displays at the District Conference***



## *District Vision Facilitation Team News*



**WANTED:**  
Sturdy Folding Easel  
Stand for District  
Use at Vision  
Facilitation Events



The District Vision Facilitation Team would appreciate hearing from anyone who might be willing to donate a sturdy folding easel stand. We wish to thank John LoBosco and Unum for their recent donation. If you have a surplus easel, please contact Tony Wagner at [tony.bellner@gmail.com](mailto:tony.bellner@gmail.com)

***Thank you!***

### **Rotary Club of Exeter Asked, “Where Are We And Where Do We Go From Here?”**

**Consider a Periodic Review to Keep *Your* Club Engaged After the Visioning Event.**

What is it to be an  
Exeter Rotarian?

**“SERVICE  
ABOVE SELF”**



Marilyn Kellogg, Exeter Rotary Club Vision Champion, reported that she and Club President, Ken Bailey, recently made an upbeat PowerPoint presentation to their club entitled "What is it to be an Exeter Rotarian?" The first half of the program provided facts on what the club members contribute in terms of hours volunteered, organizations served, and funds raised and donated. The second half focused on specific ideas generated in the visioning session in the areas of community, vocational, international, and club service; fundraising; foundation and membership. Marilyn commented on what has been achieved in each area. The next step was to assign the various goals to the appropriate committees so that they could work towards accomplishing them. This was an effective way to energize club members to continue working towards the vision.

### **District Meeting of Vision Facilitators**

Thirteen District vision facilitators met on Tuesday evening, May 1, at York County Community College to get an update on the status of vision facilitation in the District, to discuss their experiences as facilitators and to identify new opportunities. District Vision Facilitation Chair Jim Price, Vision Coordinator Tony Wagner and Tools & PR Coordinator, Sue Gesing made presentations and facilitated the discussion.

Three experienced vision facilitators will retire from the District Team at the end of this Rotary year. Two new facilitators will join. If you are a Past President and have possible interest in participating, please contact District Vision Facilitation Chair Jim Price [jamesbprice@mac.com](mailto:jamesbprice@mac.com) for more information.

### **Fall Meeting for all Club Vision Champions**

Vic Taylor, District Vision to Plan Coordinator, has announced plans for a meeting for all Club Champions in the fall. The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate communication among those involved in assisting their clubs after the vision facilitation event to move forward and create viable plans to accomplish their goals. This will be face-to-face opportunity to talk with your peers about successes and challenges, and will lead to the development of a best practices manual to help all District clubs develop a vision to plan process. Details will be announced this summer.

*-Submitted by Susan Gesing*



## CLUB NEWS

### *Damariscotta – Newcastle Club Welcomes Group Study Exchange*



The Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary holds its weekly breakfast meetings on Tuesday mornings with the bell being rung at 7:15am at the Second Congregational Church of Newcastle. On May 15, 2012 The club welcomed the 5 members of the 2012 Group Study Exchange Team from Rotary Int'l District 1890, Northern Germany. Team Leader Klaus Nielsky is a retired mayor of

Schleswig and a Rotarian since 1996. Young professionals on the team are Fabian Gieschen from Stade, working as Ordering Manager for Airbus; Maren Weisse, Real Estate Manager for a company in Flensburg; Torben Mathes of Ascheberg, a Certified Bank Manager, working in the Internal Audit Division of Volksbank in Eutin; and Kinka Tadsen, a self-employed photographer and tour guide living on the North Sea island of Amrum.

*-submitted by Lorraine Faherty*

### *German Visitor gets close look at Greenwood, Maine ice caves*

Kinka Tadsen (right) from the small North Sea Island of Amrum, joined a party of two other ice cave neophytes, for a trip to the Greenwood, Maine ice caves. Betsey Foster (left with Lark) served as a guide and naturalist the caves can be hard to find if you don't know the way). Tinka was in Bethel as part of Rotary District 1890 Group Study Exchange Incoming Team from Hamburg, Germany.

*-Photo: Carol Savage/The Bethel Citizen*



### *Breakwater Daybreak club also welcome our GSE visitors!*



Breakwater Daybreak assisted the Portland RC in hosting the GSE team. The group toured Bath Iron Works, enjoyed a cruise on Casco Bay, watched a Sea Dogs game, and attended the Breakwater Daybreak Rotary meeting.

### *Two Bethel Rotarians honored by Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce*

**JIM MONAHAN** was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Jim proudly served our country in both the Army and Air Force and retired after a distinguished 28 years of service. Jim has been with the Rotary Club of Bethel almost since its formation, and has served as president twice. Jim exemplifies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self". Jim is 94 year's young.



**LYNN ARIZZI** was the 2012 Non Profit Leadership Award recipient. Lynn has been a member of the Rotary Club of Bethel since 2005. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, a sustaining member, a benefactor and the club's 2009 Rotarian of the Year. Lynn has served as the Club's Public Image and Literacy Chair the past two years. The Rotary Club of Bethel received RI Zone 32 Literacy Award and District 7780's Literacy Award for the body of member, a benefactor .

*-submitted by Joe Arizzi*



### ***Breakwater Daybreak Inducts 3 New Generation Members***



**DG Gary Speers assisted President Hulsey by inducting New Generation Rotarians Chomba Kaluba, Casey Dunfey, Jacob Hielscher**

District Governor Gary Speers assisted President Michael Hulsey on Wednesday, May 16 in welcoming three new members to our club.

Casey Dunfey, Chomba Kaluba and Jacob Hielscher spoke about their background and interest in youth services and mentoring, and community and international service projects. They are looking forward to their involvement in Rotary.

*-Submitted by Ilse Yanis*

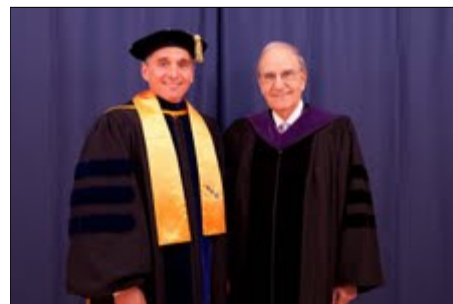


### ***Presidential Inauguration of Dr. Ronald Cantor, President of Southern Maine Community College***

On May 4, members from Breakwater Daybreak attended the inauguration of fellow Rotarian Dr. Ronald Cantor and shared in this historic event.

And President Cantor stated: "SMCC has responded to the needs of Maine's workforce and communities for 66 years. Today, SMCC serves more than 7,500 students, in South Portland and the new Campus in Brunswick. SMCC is committed to its mission of empowering people by responding to a changing world".

*-Submitted by Ilse Yanis*



**Dr. Ronald Cantor, President of Southern Maine Community College and Senator George Mitchell**

### ***Rotary Club of Bethel, Maine honors Telstar High School 2012 TOP TEN Graduating Seniors***



**Seated, L to R - Karen White; Emily Bellinger (Salutatorian); Britany Douglass; Kallie Brown and Annalyn Bachmann. Standing, L to R - Ellie Andrews, President, Bethel Rotary Club; Hunter Verrill; Lyndsay Merrill; Naomi Ellsworth; Matthew Keane; Adam Mahar (Valedictorian); Daniel Whitney and Dan Hart, Principal, Telstar Regional HS and Rotarian**



## *Bridgton-Lake Region*



Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club had their 3<sup>rd</sup> Golf Tournament on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to benefit local Veterans' transportation needs. Despite a rainy day all players were great sports and supported the cause! Pictured here are four of their local UPS Drivers who were a competitive team.

Past President, Mody Botros, helped their Interact Club organize a 'Spring Fling' dance for 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders with a goal to encourage membership in Interact. They also raised money for their club. A great time was had by everyone and over 120 students attended.

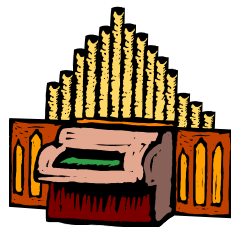


Interact dance group, and their cake

## *Portland Rotary Club supports Kotzschmar Organ Renovation*

The Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ (FOKO) seek to renovate the Kotzschmar Organ, a unique and nationally recognized symphonic pipe organ located in Merrill Auditorium in the City of Portland, ME. The renovation will allow the organ to continue to serve 60,000+ audience and community members annually through its many genres of music, concerts, performances and education programs. The renovation will take place between August 2012 and August 2014.

Now during the centennial year celebration of the Kotzschmar Organ, Rotary has an opportunity to gain significant prominence in supporting an historical instrument that represents a great part of the heritage of the cultural life of Portland that we all enjoy today.



The Rotary Club of Portland, Maine is requesting all clubs in the greater Portland area to consider a donation in a match challenge, to which the Portland Club will match other clubs' donations up to \$15,000.

**If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Grammer, Executive Director of the Friends of the Kotzschmar Organ, at 207-553-4363 or [kgrammer@foko.org](mailto:kgrammer@foko.org)**

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE



*Friends Forever Speaker Louise Madden inspired the "Rotarians Make a Difference" District Conference Theme*



*Dru and the Youth Exchange Group— a big hit !*



*Our GSE Friends from District 1890*



*Julia Furtado "Miss Maine" Highlighted the Year's Focus on our New Generations at the District Conference*

### *Moose on the Loose Displays*



## *Rotarians Gather for International Convention in Bangkok*

More than 34,000 Rotarians from all over the world gathered in Bangkok last month for Rotary's annual International Convention. Key-note speaker Mohammed Yunas, of microcredit fame, led a lineup of speakers, and both current RI president Kalyan Banerjee and incoming president Sakuji Tanaka shared the podium. Elsewhere, Rotary went for the Guinness World Book in gathering together the most people who ever created a smiley face -- in Rotary blue and gold, of course! And, our own Mike McGovern was introduced as an incoming Trustee of The Rotary Foundation.



*Incoming president  
Sakuji Tanaka*



*RI president Kalyan Banerjee*



*Mike McGovern*



*Keynote speaker Mohammed Yunas*



*The most people who ever created a  
smiley face*