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District 7780 News

Gary Speers
District Governor



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September 2011

Greetings District 7780 Rotarians!

As the month of August hurried by, Judy and I found ourselves marveling at the wonders of our District 7780 clubs. We have been treated to the dreams and aspirations of 29 clubs already, who are well on their way to being focused and engaged in supporting local youth programs as well as supporting basic education and literacy projects. During our southern swing we were honored to be invited to participate in the creation of the Seacoast Rotary Club, United States Map Project at Dondero Elementary School in Portsmouth. The young people at the school are going to be in for a real treat this fall when they return to see the masterpiece created at their playground by this enthusiastic group of Rotarians. Many clubs took the opportunity to take us around to view their local projects such as children's playgrounds at parks and teen centers demonstrating that Rotary is alive and well and quite visible throughout the southern regions of our district.

The caring nature of our Rotarians for young people and families was well demonstrated to us as Club President after President inquired as to how their clubs might address the Horn of Africa Famine issues and now Rotary International has put together a unified approach which we strongly support. You can access the plan though information in this month's Newsletter and links on the District 7780 Website thanks to our Newsletter Editor Tari Conley and Website Editor Marty Peak Helman.

And folks are getting serious about the "Moose on the Loose" campaign to enhance District wide awareness of their projects and fund raising events. Very nattily attired "Rotary Moose" have been sighted at projects dressed as Aviators, Fishermen, Coast Guard members, Rotarians at Work, Cheerleaders and even a formally outfitted Business Moose.

As the competition heats up we can't wait to see more of the same as we continue our journey through this fantastic District!

~Gary



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

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 1— GSE Team Leadership applications due. Contact Grace Connolly
grace.connolly@verizon.net

Thursday, September 8— International Literacy Day. FMI Contact Penny Jett
pennyjett@comcast.net

Saturday, September 10 — PETS (Presidents Elect Training Mtg) preplanning meeting, 9:00 a.m., Nashua Marriott.

OCTOBER



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

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

Sunday, October 2 — PETS (Presidents Elect Training Mtg) 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 Stafford Technical Center, Rutland, VT. Sign up at www.rlinea.com



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

Saturday, November 5 — Rotary United Nations Day

November 27— December 11 — Rotaplast mission to Togo, West Africa. Contact Bill Dunn,
wdunn@sunsetpoint.biz

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.

March 22, 2012— Read Across America Day FMI Contact Penny Jett
pennyjett@comcast.net



Official Governors Visits in SEPTEMBER

1: Saco Bay

**6: Kennebunk
Portside**

**8: Sanford-
Springvale**

12: Yarmouth

12: Falmouth

**19: Topsham
Espresso**

19 : Brunswick

**20: Damariscotta-
Newcastle**



"Charity" proudly shows off her new shirt that Hampton Club President Deb Marsolais bought for her on her recent vacation in Florida.

How the Horn of Africa fund will be managed

An international committee of Rotarians close to the situation will oversee the fund. They will identify the needs of the affected communities, manage the distribution of funds, oversee project implementation, report on projects, and ensure proper stewardship.

This approach is similar to how the Foundation managed the Solidarity in South Asia fund after the 2004 tsunami and the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund.

Recognition

Cash contributions designated for the Rotary Horn of Africa Famine and Refugee Relief Fund are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor recognition. Donations will count toward club and district total contribution goals;

Save the Date! Save the Date! *continued*

2012 *continued...*

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.



Horn of Africa Relief

In response to the humanitarian crisis in parts of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, The Rotary Foundation has established the ***Rotary Horn of Africa Famine and Refugee Relief Fund***, which will support recovery projects in the affected areas.

The worst drought in 60 years has gripped the Horn of Africa, leading to acute famine in parts of Somalia, where hundreds of thousands of people are now fleeing to Ethiopia and Kenya for aid. More than 10 million people are affected in the drought-stricken countries, including 3.7 million who are at risk of starvation.

Ways to donate

Send a check payable to The Rotary Foundation, including the notation "Rotary Horn of Africa Famine and Refugee Relief Fund, #G10008" on the memo line, to:

**The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Dr
Chicago, IL 60693 USA**

Questions about contributions or recognition?
Call **866-976-8279**

E-mail the Contact Center at
contact.center@rotary.org

For more information, contact
Jennifer Kordell at 847-866-3104.



Governor Elect's Corner

Fundraising and Fellowship



This month marked my Club's biggest fundraiser of the year, and I mean *big*: The Boothbay Harbor Auction/Flea Market accounts for over half of the Club's income each year. Over the course of a weekend, the Club collects junk donated by community members, organizes it, and then sells it back to even more community members. That short description belies the months of planning and incredible on-site effort that goes to put on a successful event each year.

It's hard work. Those who are physically able haul in furniture and boxes, and then haul them out again. Those who already have bad backs turn instead to sorting, marketing, procuring, pricing, dragging, haggling, and persuading.

As much as the Auction means sweat and grind, it also means fellowship. This is the work weekend where a year's worth of legends get hatched. Plus, head off on the next pickup with a club member you don't know well and I guarantee you will learn more about that person during the 20-minute haul than you would in a month of Fireside Chats.

And herein lies the magic. My club – like other Rotary clubs – is made up of a cross-segment of our community. We share no common political, religious, or life views. Many of us have very little in common with one another – except that we love our community. We're different enough in lifestyle and temperament that let's be honest: If it weren't for Rotary, we probably would never have gotten to know many of the incredible people we sit down with each week to share fellowship and a meal.

Rotarians sidestep issues of politics and lifestyle and focus instead on the goal: what it takes to change a child's life, or to put a smile on the face of an elder. We only do what we individually can. But through Rotary, the contributions of each of us combine to create something that is collectively much larger than the pieces that make up the whole.

Where else but in Rotary can a group of seemingly disparate people accomplish so much?

--Marty Peak Helman, District Governor-elect



Multiple Moose on the loose – ADG Mae Bradshaw and Portsmouth Club President, Tony Delyani



UPDATE

Kathy Thrall

District 7780's Outstanding Unsung Hero (ine)

Kathy continues her efforts to support the Project Hope Orphanage and School at Les Cayes, Haiti.

She has designed, sewn and sold over 400 luggage tags at \$5 each.

The balance of the luggage tag monies, \$2,308 has been disbursed to "Free the Kids" to help with renovations and improvements of the medical clinic at Hope Village.

In her typical spirited and upbeat manner, Kathy said she better get to work and produce more luggage tags.



*Books are the
quietest and most
constant of
friends; they are
the most
accessible and
wisest of
counselors, and
the most patient
of teachers.*

~ Charles W. Eliot



Gov Gary and
Judy. Official
visit to The
**Rotary Club of
Portsmouth**
along with G.M.

(Gov Moose)

Children's Read and Play Park Rotary Club of Hampton (NH)

This District Simplified Grant project was started in May of this year and completed on June 30, 2011. Per grant requirements, the project was completed by our club Rotarians and friends and NO paid labor costs were associated with the project. In total, we had (52) members involved in one way or another. I have projected that there were over 400 Rotarian man hours spent on the project.

We did recognize that the reading area and park improvements were more costly than originally projected and therefore, we increased the overall budget to cover additional charges. Over and above the District Grant and the original local Club commitment of \$500, our club added an additional \$800 to the budget.

This project has already impacted our young children in Hampton and the Hampton Library has started using the park for their children's summer reading program!

~submitted by John Nyhan



DG Gary Speers greeted the RC Club of **Breakwater Daybreak** during his official visit. He inducted and welcomed Norma Willis, RN, Assistant Professor, Cardiovascular Technology Program at Southern Maine Community College as our Club's newest member. L to R: President Michael Hulse, DG Gary Speers, Norma Willis, Tracey Merrill, sponsor



Vision Facilitator Training Update

Cathy Smith, Past Rotary District 5960 Governor and member of the International Vision Facilitation Council, trained 16 District 7780 Vision Facilitators on August 20, 2011 at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. One Rotarian from District 7870 also attended the training. The syllabus included additional material for the 'New Generations' avenue of service and Club Leadership Development.

Seven new facilitators were trained as members of the District 7780 Vision Facilitation Team. Since the program started in October 2010, fourteen Clubs have used this process to strengthen their Club by developing a consensus vision of the future. Building on the previous year's success, District Vision Facilitation Coordinator Tony Wagner said that at least ten clubs have expressed interest in the process this Rotary year. He expects to schedule their Vision Facilitation event within the next six months.

Please contact Tony at 207-229-3254 if you would like to learn more or to schedule an informational meeting.

Cathy also provided guidelines for the Vision Facilitation Team to assist Clubs that need support during the next phase 'Vision to Plan.' If your Club has developed a vision for the future, but needs help developing the strategic plan to accomplish that vision, contact the **District Vision Facilitation Chair, Jim Price at 207-712-2515.**



International Vision Facilitation Council trainer PDG Cathy Smith

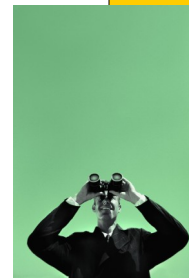


District 7780 Vision Facilitator training

Art in the Park



The RC of Breakwater Daybreak served the public a variety of grilled food at the annual Art in the Park event. Young and old pitched in and made our fundraiser a success !



Global Polio Case Update as of July 31, 2011

from Ted Trainor

Total Cases	Year To Date 2011	Year to Date 2010	Total in 2010
Globally	286	576	1349
In endemic countries (4)	96	73	232
In non-endemic countries (5)	190	503	1117



Rotarian at Work!

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. 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 Dr
Chicago, IL 60693

PLEASE SEND UPDATES!! PLEASE SEND UPDATES!! PLEASE SEND UPDATES!!

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: **tedtrainor@roadrunner.com**

Most recent confirmed cases of polio:

DR Congo - 7/3/11

Pakistan— 7/22/11

India— 1/13/11

Nigeria - 6/24/11



PROGRESS ON THE CHALLENGE

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

-Global raised to date: \$185 million (as of 7/28/11).

-2011-2012 District 7780 Goal: a suggested donation of \$2000 from each club.



News from Assistant Governor, Marion Cheney

The Area 2 District Governor's visits have been completed and I must say that I am very proud of the many projects my clubs are undertaking. This month I would like to highlight the Rochester and Dover Clubs and in October share the projects of the Durham Great Bay and South Berwick/Eliot Clubs.

Rochester is rocking with their membership. The Club has installed 4 new members and 3 honorary members since July 1st. On August 28th, 4 proposed new members will be installed.

Howie's Field of Dreams

In November 2009, Rochester's 50th President, Howie Seckendorf, suffered a fatal heart attack. Prior to his death, Howie had a vision to complete a major project in the city which would benefit not only Rochester residents, but those of surrounding communities as well. Howie learned of a special kind of baseball field that was made of a rubberized surface, one where players with physical and/or mental challenges could play. A field where a player could fall down and not be injured. A field where any young player, despite their physical or mental challenges, could experience the joy of playing baseball.

Through the tireless effort of Howie's widow Kim, his family, and the Rochester Club, his dream is coming true. The \$300,000.00 project has raised over \$100,000.00 to date and the steering committee has many more fundraising activities planned.

The Rochester Club has been conducting a "Back-to-School Clothing Giveaway since 2008. With the help of the Community and area retailers the Club is able to provide new and newer clothing, in addition to vouchers for brand new shoes and sneakers to area Rochester families and residents for 10 other area communities. This year over 260 families will benefit from this event that takes hundreds of hours to plan, coordinate and sort through the thousands of donated items that will be distributed.

Back to School Picnic

President Norman and the Dover Club celebrated the accomplishments of 59 back to school children at the August 17th "Back to School Picnic". Rotarian, Thad Mandsager worked with the participants over the summer keeping them on track with school projects, reading and volunteering. Each student received back to school supplies and a \$220.00 gift card to Wal-Mart.

Park Street Park Dedication

Rotarians, City Officials and Park Street Residents gathered on Saturday, August 20th to celebrate the dedication of the newly renovated, one acre park. The renovation program included a new park design and engineering, the installation of handi-cap accessible playground equipment, a walking trail, a basketball half court, park benches, picnic tables, landscaping, signage and the installation of a new fence. The \$100,000.00 was a collaborative venture with the Dover Club, City of Dover, Park Street Park Neighborhood and area businesses.

~Submitted by Marion Cheney, Assistant Governor Area 2



Rotary members gather for the dedication



Thad and our mascot moose with back to school kids



President Norman speaks at Park Street dedication

News from Area 1...

Special visitor at Portsmouth Club... Mitt Romney

It was a regular Portsmouth Club Thursday meeting, July 28 to be exact. One of the club members, a supporter of Mitt Romney, arranged for him to speak. Mae Bradshaw didn't lose sight of an opportunity to introduce Momma Moose and told Mr. Romney about the District Governor's goal to place moose in police cars to comfort children in times of stress. He was all for being supportive.



*Mitt, Mae and
Momma Moose*



*Portsmouth Rotarian,
Stella Scamman,
introduces Presidential
Candidate, Mitt Romney
at the Portsmouth Rotary
Club.*

A big "thank you" to Allison and all of the American Independence Museum staff and board for contributions to the Rotary's recent Chicken Barbeque event. We enjoyed a beautiful summer evening. The chicken dinner was delicious, and the "piece de resistance" was the custom Ice Cream Sundaes dished out by the Exeter Rotary Club!

Thanks to all who worked hard on this event, especially to Shaun McEachern for the majority of the sundae supplies! Working side by side with the downtown retailers for the benefit of the American Independence Museum resulted in a great community event. We also thank the Exeter Congregational Church for the use of their wonderful facilities. There was a great turnout from the community and we found the downtown retailers were great volunteers!



*The Yankee Homecoming fes-
tivities in Newburyport raised
\$1500 for the Boys and Girls
Club of Merrimack Valley.*



Sanford/Springvale Installation Dinner and poop drop



President Furbish with Larry the Moose , Past President James Gulnac, Gary Speers & Judy Speers



Entertainment by Rotarians in their kilts presenting a song in honor of President Furbish.



President Lawrence Furbish and his wife Barbara



Rotarians and their guests socializing



Larry the Moose & Broose the Moose



The Sanford/Springvale Rotary Club was visited by Broose the Moose of the Sanford Mainers to say hello to our Larry the Moose at our weekly meeting. Our club is affiliated with the Sanford Mainers and they support our Moose Poop event.



Elias Thomas and Danielle Treadwell at work after poop drop listing



Larry the Moose and a wonderful firefighter preparing to drop the poop

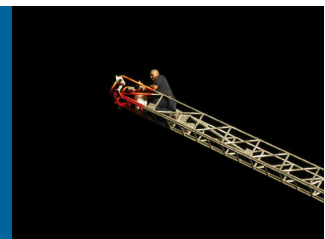


Elias Thomas with Larry & Broose the Moose

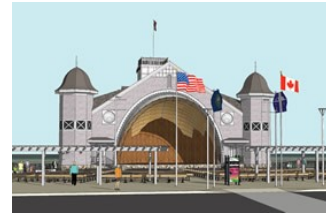


Larry the Moose and our wonderful firefighter dump the poop!

What a brave little moose is Larry!



Hampton Club News



Rich Correll has on our lucky Pith Helmet. He poked, prodded and kept our spirits up when the brakes were on.

(Note Joan in the pink Rotary hat, just in front of Michael Green in yellow hat and Ben and Laura in position 2 and 3 on the rope, Larry Marsolais and Barbara Lizotte are farther back).



President Deb Marsolais presents a check to member Jeff Hiatt. Jeff organized the Newington Tugboats, a Rotary sponsored team that participated at a tug-of-war with a 757 airplane at the Pull for a Cure to benefit the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire.

Beach Outreach Presentation Inspires Service Project

Erin Kelly, representing the Child and Family Runaway and homeless Youth Program (RYP) spoke to Hampton Rotary members about their street outreach program that helps youths, ages 12-18, who have run away, became homeless, or are at risk of either. Members in this seacoast town are well aware of many at risk teenagers who come to Hampton Beach each summer, but Ms. Kelly gave members a clear understanding of what these young people face and the choices they make when confronted by home situations out of their control.

The need for supplies and toiletries to help these young people was evident. Director of Service Projects, Larry Marsolais asked club members to respond by donating much needed camping supplies, equipment and toiletries. Ms. Kelly was overwhelmed by the number of sleeping bags tents, toiletries and monies the club donated.

These donations will help ease the burden of day by day survival while the youth and their families receive counseling on the risks and realities of life on the street.

-Submitted by Marilyn Rishkofski

Boothbay Harbor club profits from their 54th annual auction!



August was a big money-making month for the **Boothbay Harbor Club**. The month started off with our annual Charity auction, now in its 54th year, which involves a lot of hard work and furniture hauling, but is worth it in terms of both fundraising and funraising. And we ended the month with our first-ever New England Patriots alumni football game. The Patriots alumni gave a football clinic for the kids, and then played a flag football game against our own Hometown Heroes of police, firemen and Coast Guard.



During the month of June the **Oxford Hills Rotary Club** passed the hat at every meeting to raise money to send to Joplin MO for tornado victims. The Club agreed to match members donations up to \$2000.00. The membership sent off a total of $\$2407 + \$275 = \$2,682$! Pictured here are President Beth Abbott along with Dan Allen, Membership Chair, who came up with the idea. All monies collected were sent to the Joplin Missouri Rotary Club to be used directly for disaster relief.

A note from your newsletter editor... Please submit your information by the **20th** of the month prior to publication, to: **tari@appreciationworks.com**
If I receive it after the 20th it may end up in the following months newsletter.

It's fine to put all of your info in an email message. **If you submit attachments, please be sure they are WORD documents and PDF images!**

There won't always be space for every submission. I go by the date I received your information. **Thank you for your articles, photos and captions.**
Remember, this is YOUR newsletter!

Tari Conley Damariscotta-Newcastle Club tari@appreciationworks.com

Rotary Foundation Minute

The District 7780 Foundation Roadshow is coming to your area!

Why: To meet with as many Rotarians as possible in order to share:

- (1) Updates on the Foundation
- (2) How clubs in our district are working with the Foundation locally and internationally
- (3) Future directions of the Foundation

When: On weekday evenings in October and November

Where: In casual settings in the north, south, east and west of our district

Who: All Rotarians in District 7780, DG Gary, and members of the Foundation Committee

Please stay tuned for further information!

If you have any questions, please contact:

Liz Cullen,
Foundation
Committee Chair

**lizcullen@
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