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### District Assembly 2013

University of New England -  
Portland Campus, Alexander  
Dining Hall  
Apr 06, 2013 08:00 AM - 02:00  
PM

### District 4-Way Test Contest

Falmouth High School  
Apr 08, 2013 05:30 PM - 09:00  
PM

### District Service Tour to Guatemala

Apr 13, 2013 - Apr 21, 2013

### Final Deadline - Conference registration

Apr 15, 2013

### Rotary Generations & Long-Haulers - rescheduled

May 10, 2013 12:15 PM - 02:00  
PM

### Newburyport Club's 90th Anniversary!

May 11, 2013

### Grants Management Seminar

Spruce Point Inn  
May 17, 2013 09:00 AM - 01:00  
PM

### District Conference

Spruce Point Inn  
May 17, 2013 09:00 AM - May  
18, 2013 10:30 PM

### Visioning Facilitators Workshop

May 30, 2013 06:00 PM - 08:00  
PM

### New Members Cookout

Jun 07, 2013 04:00 PM - 06:00  
PM

### RYLA Conference

Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

### 2013 International Convention

Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

### 2013 Zone 24-32 meeting

Sep 19, 2013 - Sep 21, 2013

### Northeast Link - Networking - Training - Resource

Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA  
Sep 28, 2013 08:30 AM - 09:30  
PM

## Governor Marty's Message

### Redefining "Every Rotarian, Every Year"



*The governors, left to right: Sheila Rollins (2015-16); Lawrence Furbish (2014-15); Carolyn Johnson (2013-14); and Marty Helman, current governor.*

The official definition of "Every Rotarian, Every Year" is the goal for every Rotarian to make a contribution of any amount to The Rotary Foundation every year. Certainly, we all share an obligation to do just that, at whatever level we are comfortable (or better yet: a trifle uncomfortable). And just as certainly, being a Rotary club member and *not* supporting the Foundation would be, well, like believing in beautiful gardens but never watering the lawn.

That's because The Rotary Foundation is the overarching funding mechanism for the humanitarian work that Rotarians do. It's because The Rotary Foundation is uniquely organized so that we – the donors – have incredible discretion over how the funds are spent. And it's because The Rotary Foundation is aces when it comes to fiscal soundness: Check out Charity Navigator, the leading independent rating organization for non-profits. You'll quickly discover that The Rotary Foundation earns high points in all metrics, earning it a tippy-top score of 68.57 out of a possible 70.

Even so, this District – typical of too many Rotary Districts -- counts fewer Rotarians who *give* to the Foundation each year than club members who do *not* give. I am sorry to say that among this number are some long-time members who proudly wear their Paul Harris pins. It turns out that they reached a giving

**Zone New Generation Assembly**

Dec 14, 2013

**Northeast PETS training**

Mar 06, 2014 - Mar 08, 2014

**District Assembly 2014**

Apr 12, 2014 08:00 AM - 02:00 PM

**2014 District Conference**

May 16, 2014 - May 17, 2014

**2014 International Convention - Sydney**

Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014

**World Understanding and Peace Dinner 2015**

Feb 21, 2015 05:00 PM - 08:00 PM

**RI International Convention in Sao Paulo**

Jun 05, 2015 - Jun 08, 2015

**RI International Convention in Seoul**

May 29, 2016 - Jun 01, 2016

**All Rotary Clubs & Members Invited to Competition Monday, April 8th**

Has your club sponsored a high school aged student yet to our districtwide 4-way test contest? If you haven't, perhaps now is the time to consider it. Invite a few members of your club, perhaps some interactors, as well as a faculty member or two from your local high school and join us this coming Monday at Falmouth High School at our 5th annual districtwide competition. Be prepared to be inspired! All are invited, free of charge for an evening to come

level of \$1000 years ago, were presented those self-same pins, and haven't contributed a penny since. If humanitarian needs were equally static, this might be acceptable. But humanitarian needs haven't diminished; over the years the work of the Foundation has only increased, and hence, we all need to ensure a financial commitment from Every Rotarian, Every Year, or in Rotary parlance, EREY.

So imagine how pleased I was to learn that this past January, incoming RI President Ron Burton challenged the 2013-14 District Governor class (including our own Carolyn Johnson) to become the first all-EREY class of governors-elect! That effort proved so successful that Carolyn, in turn, challenged next year's club presidents to become this District's first all-EREY class of presidents-elect. So if your president-elect is wearing a pin that reads, "*first class*," he or she truly is, and now you k

And it's not just our presidents-elect who are stepping up to the EREY challenge. All Rotarians who registered for our Frugal Feast in celebration of World Peace and Understanding Day this past February contributed a small amount to The Foundation and can now call themselves EREY Rotarians. In fact, throughout the District, clubs are taking EREY seriously and the results are being noticed: Sanford-Springvale and York have already achieved 100% participation in Foundation giving. Oxford Hills also made that mark, but then welcomed new members (a good reason to fall short on EREY!), and now have some more work to do to catch up. And running close behind, really close to EREY status but not quite there yet, are Bath, Breakwater-Daybreak, Freeport, and Fryeburg.

What about your club? Or maybe the question should be, what about you?

It's critical to recognize that Every Rotarian, Every Year is about more than a financial donation. It's about what it means to be a Rotarian. Every Rotarian, Every Year is what we do when we all pitch in to read a book to a child, or provide a meal to an elder or clean drinking water to a community half a world away. Every Rotarian, Every Year is what gives our movement of 1.2 million Rotarians the power to make history. Every Rotarian, Every Year is a way of life, a way to sum up what it is that we as Rotarians are and what it is we do. Every one of us. Every moment of the year.

--Marty Peak Helman, District Governor

## District News

**District Conference Is The Place To Be**

Posted by Martha Helman

The District Conference is the place to be May 17-18! In addition to a stellar lineup of speakers, clubs will be sharing best practices of local and international projects, and the good times and fellowship will be what this District does best. A full agenda and registration options are available on the District website -- just go to [www.rotary7780.org](http://www.rotary7780.org) and click on the magician's hat (Conference logo). But don't wait! Registration closes April 15 -- that's in just two weeks.

out and show our support for local students from around the district who have accepted our Rotary challenge. They are spreading the value and meaning of the importance of Rotary's 4-Way Test to their peers, families, school officials and more. Listen to them, as they recite their persuasive essays on topics written in their own words and see how they reach a conclusion based on Rotary's 4-Way Test. It starts at 5:30 p.m. - for more details - contact Mary Rennie, district literacy chair.  
[dmrennie7@aol.com](mailto:dmrennie7@aol.com)

### River Valley Changes Meeting Time



The River Valley Rotary Club has moved their meetings to Monday mornings 7:30AM to 8:30AM at the River Valley Grill located on Exchange Street in Rumford. For more information, visit their website at [www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org](http://www.rivervalleyrotaryclub.org)

Photo above - 14 of their 30 members, from left to right; Read Dickinson, Joe Sirois, Dick Lovejoy, Patty Duguay, Greg Trundy, Rich Allen, Sylvia Wendt, Roger Whitehouse, Catherine Johnson, Jerry Cohen, Jolene Lovejoy, Natalie Sneller, Crystal McAtee, and Charley LeDuc.

### District 7780 Trivia



Last month's District History Trivia Question was:

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### Portsmouth Rotary Celebrates Ninety Years

Posted by Penny Jett

The Portsmouth Rotary Club celebrated 90 years of Service Above Self with a gala celebration that highlighted past history, future dreams, during which five members of the club were surprised with Paul Harris Fellows for their service to the club. A sellout crowd of 200 Rotarians and their families enjoyed dinner, dancing and various delights, including a (much abbreviated) history of the club and video that pulled together over 500 "vintage" pictures of club members doing what they do best -- providing service.

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### PETS: Engaged Club Presidents Lead Vibrant Clubs!

Posted by Carolyn Johnson

It was a very snowy March weekend that our District 7780 Presidents-elect and Assistant Governors met in Framingham, MA to learn strategies to be effective leaders for their Rotary Clubs in 2013-14. President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) has a defined curriculum - club administration, membership, fundraising, and the Foundation - but the real benefit of these two days is the networking, fellowship, and sharing ideas for leadership. Our presidents have the opportunity to attend a PETS involving eight districts and nearly 500 incoming club presidents - a tremendous collection of energy and enthusiasm for Rotary.

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### Interact Youth Gather at Lake Region HS

Posted by Penny Jett

**INTERACT CONFERENCE** About 100 Interactors came together for a day of Rotary workshops, a hands-on service project, the ubiquitous pizza for lunch and, yes, some dancing and a ball game in the gym. These are young people with so many Rotary options open to them — travel abroad through Rotary Exchange, leadership camp via RYLA, service projects both at home and overseas via Interact. Everyone there had a great time and walked away with new ideas for service projects and excitement about Interact.

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### Matching Grant Activity 2012-2013

Posted by Penny Jett

District 7780, our local clubs and members together are making significant impact all around the world. Check out

**Who is the only Past District Governor whose “Memories of his/her year as District Governor” are on the District History page under his/her name?**

**We have a WINNER!**

Lawrence Furbish from the Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale emailed me on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 8:17 PM with his answer.

For the answer to last month's trivia question, click on the [Trivia Page](#) link.

This month's District History Trivia Question has two parts:

**How many clubs transferred from District 779 to District 778 on July 1, 1990? Which Clubs were they?**

If you can find the answer in the District Website's Yearbook page, send it to me at [mawilliamspdg@comcast.net](mailto:mawilliamspdg@comcast.net). The answer will be in next month's news bulletin along with the name of the first person to give me the correct answer along with their club name.  
Marie A. Williams, District Historian

### Rotary Gear Deadline April 10



Rotary cycling wear are custom orders. They look great when you cycle or just bike and at the same time raise awareness to Rotary **End Polio Now**.

Ordering deadline is **April 10**. Check out the ordering information, sizing chart, cost per item (tax and shipping included), on the District webpage



some of the matching grant activity that our resources, expertise and passion are committed to making a difference in this Rotary year.

*China Water Project, India Water Project, Guatemala Literacy Project, Crutches 4 Africa and JADA water project in Nigeria, hearing aids, hands and water filters for the Dominican Republic, vocational school equipment, container and shipping to Haiti, and a separate grant for a generator, pump, water storage tank and solar panels for a village and vocational school also in Haiti.*

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### Long Haulers Will Be Feted in Portland

Posted by Penny Jett

Rotary is fortunate to have many long-time members – members for whom Rotary meetings and activities are a way of life. Rotary also has many members who knew Rotary from childhood – because their fathers were Rotarians before them.

Now, all Long-Hauler Rotarians (defined as those who have been Rotarians for 20 years or longer – meaning they joined our ranks on or before 1992, when Mort Schmidt was our District Governor and Cliff Dochterman was Rotary International President) and multi-generational Rotarians are invited to a special luncheon hosted by the Portland Club. It will take place at a “regular” Portland meeting, Friday, May 10, at 12:15 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland.

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### Rotarians Recognized for Remarkable Service

Posted by Penny Jett

This month Gov. Marty presented the District Vocational Service Leadership Award to Biddeford-Saco's Jim Godbout. Jim, who runs a plumbing business, is always first to offer his professional services to a neighbor in need, and last fall built out an accessible bathroom that made it possible for a physically challenged neighbor to continue to reside in his own home.

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### Final Figures In on “Stuff the Bus” Competition!

Posted by Martha Helman

The bottomline: Every club that celebrated World Peace and Understanding Day on February 23 by collecting food for their local food pantry had a marvelous time, and their neighbors benefited from the results. Some of the clubs collected a stupendous amount of food and funds!

<http://www.rotary7780.org/>, home page, left bottom. Click on **Rotary Gear** to access ordering form.

### District Member Roster



Looking for contact info for a Rotarian in another club? Put the rolodex aside. The information you need is just a few clicks away. Visit our district website.

[www.rotary7780.org](http://www.rotary7780.org) (we love it when you do) Go to the drop-down tab at the top labeled "About District 7780," click on either "Members by Club" or "Members by Last Name" and follow the prompts to get through the firewall and to the listings. If your listing is incomplete or out-of-date, please ask your club president or secretary to update it. You can also get help from our District webmaster, Scott Irving: [scott@irvings.name](mailto:scott@irvings.name)

### Speakers Bureau



Looking for a program speaker? Our district team members are prepared and excited about the opportunity to speak at your club and share their passion and expertise about various Rotary programs, projects, our Foundation and so much more.

Check out who is available on our new 'Rotary Speakers

Breakwater Daybreak did an awesome job, and filled 52 food boxes plus raised \$800 in cash.

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### Club News



**Wells Rotary Club** - President Suzanne Isley & RI Service Above Self recipient, Terry Hodskins surprised members at their monthly club assembly in February with the opportunity to participate in a hands on international service project (Wrap A Smile) - right then and there at their club meeting. Five stations were quickly set up - sewing machines, ironing, cutting, signing the back of the quilt and the coloring stations were scattered all over the room.

Nobody left early, everyone enjoyed the experience, lots of participation from club members and visiting interactors.



**Brunswick Club** - Brunswick Rotary is proud to announce that, Past President Susan Chadima of the Brunswick Rotary Club, has left on a one year leave of absence, to once again be of service to the veterinary needs of Kabul in Afghanistan. She is being sponsored by a nonprofit organization.



**Brunswick Coastal** has announced their 2nd annual Concert in support of Rotary International World Hunger projects, on April 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Orion Center for Performing Arts in Topsham. The Concert features local professional musicians including Dave Bullard, Ellen Tipper and Kate Schrock. Mt. Ararat students and the Interact Club will be raising money as well for Girl Eff...ect, an advocacy group for young women in third world countries in support of their education. For more information, go to their website [Brunswick Coastal](#) or contact President Linda Collins at [ljncpmt@yahoo.com](mailto:ljncpmt@yahoo.com)

Bureau' site page.

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**District Facebook**



How many of your fellow club Rotarians are on facebook? Let's get 100% of all members who are on facebook to like our 'District 7780 Facebook Page'. The district facebook page is where clubs can post what's happening in their own club and share it with members throughout the district. The opportunity to communicate information from Newburyport to Boothbay Harbor and everything in between is just a few keystrokes away.

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**Bridgton Lake Region** supports a World Quest Team every year. This year their team won the state title and is going to DC for a national competition in the spring.

This competition is put on by the World Affairs Council of Maine and is billed as "the ultimate international knowledge competition" with the goal of improving students' awareness of other countries and the United States' relationship with them. Twenty-six teams, including high school, college, and cooperate groups competed this year at the event hosted at Greely High School.

**Exeter** - Congratulations to the Exeter Rotary Club on being recognized in the education/nonprofit category by the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce this month at its annual awards dinner!

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