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### Governor's Visits

Jul 24, 2012 - Oct 04, 2012

### District Finance Committee Meeting

Aug 13, 2012 06:00 PM

### Deadline for DSG applications

Aug 18, 2012

### District Foundation - Fdn Transition Joint Meeting

Aug 20, 2012 12:00 PM

### Assistant Governor meeting

Aug 28, 2012 05:00 PM

### Rotary Success Seminar

Sep 08, 2012 08:00 AM

### Deadline for GSE Team Leader Applications

Sep 15, 2012

### Friendship Exchange Team here from New Orleans

Sep 22, 2012 - Sep 29, 2012

### District Membership Seminar

Sep 28, 2012

### Mardi Gras Fellowship Dinner

Sep 28, 2012

### NorthEast LINK

Sep 29, 2012 - Sep 30, 2012

### Crutches4Africa Founder Dave Talbot Visits

Oct 01, 2012 - Oct 06, 2012

### GSE Team Leader Interviews

Oct 01, 2012 - Oct 03, 2012

### Walk for Peace

Oct 06, 2012 - Oct 08, 2012

### Zone 24-32 Meeting

Oct 17, 2012 - Oct 20, 2012

### World Polio Day

Oct 24, 2012

### District Foundation Seminar

Oct 27, 2012

### GSE Team Member Application Deadline

Oct 27, 2012

### RLI in Lewiston, ME

Oct 27, 2012

### Rotary UN Day

Nov 03, 2012

## Governor Marty's Message

### Changing Young Lives at Home Through Travel Abroad



Paul Harris famously said that the ideals that formed Rotary had their start in the rural, New England community where he grew up. And in fact, the one-room school in Wallingford, VT, where Paul Harris attended primary grades -- the Little Red Schoolhouse -- is now preserved as a museum to our Founder and the ideals of Service Above Self.

I visited the Little Red Schoolhouse a few weeks ago and marveled once again at the Rotary memorabilia and hundreds of banners on display. But Rotarians are more attuned to creating a better tomorrow than they are in historic preservation, and in fact, I was here to participate in the summer meeting of ESSEX, the oversight organization of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. These are dedicated Rotarians: You have to be dedicated to

Rotary Generations  
Celebration  
Nov 10, 2012

GSE Team Member Interviews  
Scheduled  
Nov 12, 2012

Governors Council Holiday  
Dinner  
Dec 11, 2012

District Governor Nominations  
due  
Jan 15, 2013

NorthEast LINK GSE training  
Jan 21, 2013

Mid Year Leadership Dinner  
Jan 28, 2013

Presidents-elect Training  
Seminar 2013  
Mar 07, 2013 - Mar 09, 2013

2013 District Conference  
May 17, 2013 - May 18, 2013

2013 International Convention  
Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

2013 Zone 24-32 meeting  
Sep 19, 2013 - Sep 21, 2013

2014 District Conference  
May 16, 2014 - May 17, 2014

2014 International Convention  
Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014

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 Bureau' site page.

[Speakers Bureau Page](#)

Welcome New Members

immerse yourself in the comings and goings of the nearly 500 students who participate in Rotary Youth Exchange from all over the Eastern Seaboard each year.

Not only do these youth come complete with all the growing pains that one might expect of teens, but since 9/11 the State Department has installed onerous paperwork requirements that must be met if Youth Exchange is to happen. But happen it does, because the Rotarians involved -- including our own Youth Exchange Chair Dru Laduke and his team -- envision a world made just a bit more closely knit and peaceful as a result of impressionable youth living abroad during a growing-up year.

Our small fraction of those 500 students will see four local teens living abroad in Turkey, France, Spain and Brazil this coming school year, and four more coming into our District.

Congratulations to Freeport, which is hosting Marta from Spain; Falmouth, hosting Pedro from Brazil; and especially Yarmouth, which, with a little financial help from its neighboring clubs is hosting two students this year: Marion from France and Ege





Governor Marty and the district leadership team welcome our newest members to Rotary District 7780. We encourage you to get involved, volunteer on a club committee that meets your interest. Attend your weekly meetings and enjoy the fun and fellowship that is realized in sharing time with other community minded business men and women. You will soon find your passion and commitment for Rotary service not only in your own community, but in communities throughout the world.

Learn more about Rotary by reading the [New Member Bulletin](#). Also, please take a minute to visit [Member Access](#) to verify that RI has the correct information for you. Again, welcome to Rotary District 7780.

Check out the newest members inducted on the link below.

[New Members Page](#)

[Club ProjectLINK](#)



Are you looking for other clubs to partner/support your international or community project? Then, look no further than the Club ProjectLINK site page on our very own district website. This site allows all clubs the means to promote and SHARE their service projects. It provides the opportunity for clubs who want to work together, pool their resources, energy and talent to jump onboard and

from Turkey. Which just proves that club size is no impediment to enthusiasm for Rotary Exchange and all that it represents.

Youth Exchange is an extraordinary program. So is Group Study Exchange (GSE), which is a rare opportunity to reinvent the home stays and personal interactions of Youth Exchange for the 25- to 40-year-old working crowd.

District Governor Nominee Lawrence Furbish and his team are just returned from a cultural GSE to Northern Germany, and you can read more about that trip in this Newsletter. Better yet, contact Lawrence and ask him and the team to present to your club. Next spring this District will sponsor another Group Study Exchange, and this one will have a special, local community service element added to it.

That's because this District will be sponsoring young professionals who work with special needs youth and adults to go to West Africa for a month to work in schools and other facilities there. GSE organizers PDG Jeff Pelkey and Cynthia Moran-Laux plan to slow down the travel that is typical of GSE in order to focus on vocation. The young professionals on this trip won't just *visit* special needs facilities in Nigeria—they will *work* in them. And they won't go alone: This District is sponsoring a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to help provide them with the tools they need to make a difference while in-country. Meanwhile, the team that comes here from Nigeria will gain familiarity with our special education classrooms and facilities and take back hands-on experience that will further them in their careers at home.

So how is this a *local* community service project? It is if Rotarians reach out to the school principal or executive director who works with special needs clients locally and asks them if they have a young person on staff who would benefit from this vocational experience. It is if you assure them that if they take care of the time off, Rotary will take care of the rest. The opportunity to use Rotary Foundation dollars to provide a unique learning experience for a special needs teacher or other young professional in your community is immeasurable!

But back to the Little Red Schoolhouse. Paul Harris knew that what we learn as young people determines who we will be the rest of our lives. Group Study Exchange and Youth Exchange are just two of the programs that Rotary offers to our younger selves to help them view the world through enriched, more global eyes. GSE and Youth Exchange are just two of the programs made possible because Rotary's view spans generations and because Rotary's ultimate goal is a world made better through international understanding and peace.

*--Marty Peak Helman, District Governor*

work together to not only bring hope to those in need, but to bring sustainable and meaningful change to communities locally and abroad.

Check out the link on our district website below.

[Club ProjectLINK Page](#)

Club Fundraiser



There is a new and easy way to promote all of your club fundraisers to the members in our district. Simply send a .pdf of your flyer to [pennyjett@comcast.net](mailto:pennyjett@comcast.net) and it will be loaded up onto our district website. Check out what clubs already have scheduled for this coming Rotary year and remember to keep the flyers coming in. You may be surprised how many other Rotarians, friends and family members may be showing up at your event!

Check out the link on our district website below.

[Club Fundraiser Site Page](#)

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

## District News



### [Rotary is Coming to a Theater Near You](#)

Posted by Penny Jett

Thanks to Dave Reid, our district's public image chair, District 7780 has been awarded a PR grant from Rotary International with the intent of this funding to **increase awareness of Rotary to drive membership**. So, spread the word to fellow Rotarians, families and friends, because it's time for a 'movie night' with popcorn, candy, soda and a Rotary commercial. Yes, we're advertising in seven theaters across our district – Newington, NH, Wells, Saco, So. Portland, Westbrook, Falmouth and Brunswick on 78 screens with 18,000 :30 second commercials.

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### [Save the Date: District Membership Seminar Friday, Sept. 28th](#)

Posted by Penny Jett

This year's District Membership Seminar will provide tips and hints for clubs to attract younger professionals and communicate via social media. The Seminar will also be an opportunity to meet the Friendship Exchange team from the Gulf Coast, and to learn how Rotary responded when Katrina hit in their own backyards. The Seminar will take place at the Governor's Inn in Rochester, NH, Friday afternoon, Sept. 28th.

Chair of the event is David Longo, our district membership chair and hosting it this year will be our friends from the Rochester Rotary club. More details will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

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### [Local FOUNDATION Officers Standing By](#)

Posted by Penny Jett

Actually, it is our **Grant Coordinators** who are open for business! At its core, our Foundation is simply a charity. Many of you have heard Peter Johnson describe it as virtually identical to your local credit union. We have assets.

We have depositors. We have local branch management. We also have loan officers.

Our Retail Loan Officer, John Atwood, [atwood@midcoast.com](mailto:atwood@midcoast.com), has grants of modest size available in the form of **District Simplified Grants**, but his lending window closes very soon: August 18, to be exact, and it won't open again until this Rotary year starts winding down. Learn more and find the application, all at [DSG info](#).

But don't walk out of the credit union just yet, because Mary is sitting over at the next desk.

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### [Try Your Hand at Rotary District 7780 Trivia](#)

Posted by Penny Jett

There will be a trivia question at the end of this article, but first things first. Are you a Rotary history buff? Do you want to learn more about the leadership throughout the years of our district? Then look no further than the [District Yearbook](#) link on the home



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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page of the district website. Past Governor Marie Williams, our district historian has been gathering information from PDGs, trying to preserve and document as much district history as possible. She proclaims to be still in the early stages, but already her countless time and energy has provided us with priceless memories of years past. Check out the archived newsletters and see what your fellow members and clubs have been doing over the years.

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#### Have You Attended the Rotary Leadership Institute Yet?

Posted by Penny Jett

Like to meet Rotarians from other clubs and learn how they operate? Then RLI is for you. The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of fast paced, interactive, (three one-day) courses offered to refine Rotarians leadership skills and increase their base knowledge of Rotary.

Courses are fun, topical, interactive and geared to busy business people and professionals who would like to be more dynamic as leaders and members of their vocation and club. The training provides a better understanding of Rotary and its programs, thus developing more effective Rotarians.

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#### Walk the Walk and Talk the Talk

Posted by Penny Jett

The saying goes "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" that is the premise behind Rotary District 7780's sponsored "100 Kilometers Walk For Peace".

The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 6 through Monday, October 8 between Thornton Academy, Saco and Black Point Road, Scarborough, Maine. Hundreds of Rotarians and like-minded people are anticipated to walk recently completed sections of the Eastern Trail to raise awareness of the many global projects that The Rotary Foundation supports as well as raise \$30,000 to support those programs and continue to deliver a message of peace and goodwill.

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#### Outbound German GSE Team Returns!

Posted by Penny Jett

We are back and what an experience. Every previous GSE team leader and member I spoke with said it would be very special, and they were right. We spent 31 days in northern Germany (Schleswig-Holstein, Hamburg, and a small slice of Lower Saxony). We were hosted by 8 Rotary Clubs as we crisscrossed the region from Kiel, Husum, Flensburg, Plön, Otterndorf, Bordesholm, Sylt, to Hamburg. When asked about the indirect route, we were told it was dictated by the days that clubs met so we could do our presentation. In fact we presented at all eight clubs and did a ninth at the district conference.

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[Road Trip With the Governor to the 'Rotary Success Seminar'](#)  
Posted by Penny Jett

Fill a car full of Rotarians (you're bound to have great fellowship) and travel to Cromwell, CT with District Governor Marty on September 8th for a unique Rotary event. It is a success seminar for Rotary Clubs with a keynote address from our Director Bryn Styles. There will be two concurrent breakout sessions for the foundation to answer future vision questions; public image to explore opportunities; and RI programs to discuss membership and new generations activities.

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#### Club News

[Look Whats Happening in Clubs Around the District](#)  
by Penny Jett

Our forty clubs have ceremoniously transitioned once again to a new Rotary year with our usual change in leadership; new club presidents are presiding at our podiums, boards are reconvening, our club members are being re-energized, we're forming new committees, goals are being set, grants are being written and we're having great fellowship while continuing the great work of Rotary.

Send us each month a short article and a .jpeg highlighting a club event, service project or just a summarization of what your club is doing ([pennyjett@comcast.net](mailto:pennyjett@comcast.net)) and don't forget **you** can post your club's Rotary pictures anytime on our district facebook page.

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