



Peace Through Service
Sakuji Tanaka
Rotary International President
2012-13

District 7780 Newsletter



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Mark Your Calendar

District Conference Planning Meeting

Jan 08, 2013 08:00 AM - 09:00 AM

Sanford Springvale's 90th Anniversary!

Jan 12, 2013

District Governor Nominations due

Jan 15, 2013

NorthEast LINK GSE training

Jan 21, 2013

District Nominations Committee

York Chamber of Commerce
Jan 22, 2013 - Jan 23, 2013

Mid Year Leadership Dinner

Fireside Inn (I-95 Exit 48, (207) 774-5601)
Jan 28, 2013 05:00 PM - 08:30 PM

District Nominations Committee

York Chamber of Commerce
Jan 29, 2013 - Jan 30, 2013

Friendship Exchange to New Orleans

Feb 09, 2013 - Feb 16, 2013

World Peace and Understanding Day

Woodfords Congregational Church
Feb 23, 2013 06:00 PM

Presidents-elect Training Seminar 2013

Mar 07, 2013 - Mar 09, 2013

Portsmouth Club's 90th Anniversary!

Mar 28, 2013

District Assembly 2013

Apr 06, 2013

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

Governor Marty's Message

“Peace on Earth, Good Will To All”



We sing the words every year during the holiday season. This year they seem particularly poignant, as news from Newtown, CT, proves that an unbalanced young man with a gun can destroy so many lives. So here's the question: Do we truly believe that Peace on Earth will ever be? Do we truly believe that someday swords will actually be beaten into plowshares? It's certainly true that humans work harder and with seemingly greater passion at waging war than we do at waging peace. I guess it's been that way since the time we all lived in caves. But Rotarians not only know better, we do better. Rotarians were the impetus behind the creation of UNESCO, and we were instrumental in

bringing together the conference in San Francisco that resulted in the founding of the United Nations. The UN is far from perfect, but it is the only standing committee in the world, made up of representatives of the world's political units, designed to stop war and promote peace. Rotarians can be justly proud of our part in its formation and development. The UN is a statement of Rotary's long view. So are the myriad scholarships and opportunities to live and travel overseas that we offer young people. Rotary knows that providing international experiences -- without asking for specific return -- will result in its own reward, because these young people return to live their lives more aware of their place in global society. As one former exchange student said at the Rotary Global Peace Forum in Berlin last month, she can no longer hear about civil unrest on the other side of the globe without worrying about how her friends from that country are faring. Peace, it turns out, is truly personal!

Peace is more than the cessation of war. As RI President Sakuji Tanaka said at the Peace Forum, if we spend our time trying to end war, we've already failed. We need to spend our time instead in making sure that war never happens, and that means working to avoid the things that result in war: Injustice. Poverty. Illiteracy. Disease.

By definition, children in countries that are at war are poorer, less literate, and more prey to disease than their counterparts in nations at peace. Indeed, child

Rotary Generations & Long-Haulers - rescheduled
May 10, 2013 12:00 AM

Newburyport Club's 90th Anniversary!
May 11, 2013

District Conference
May 17, 2013 - May 18, 2013

New Members Luncheon
Jun 08, 2013

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

Governor's Council/Changeover
Jul 07, 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

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

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

Julia Phelps Director-Nominee 2014-2016



It's official! Local New Hampshire woman, Julia Phelps is the nominee to serve as director for Rotary Zone 32 commencing in July of 2014. Julia, a member of the Rotary Club of Malden, Ma. in District 7930, just south of ours has received confirmation from General Secretary Hewko that her name will be placed into nomination for this position at the Rotary International Convention in Portugal, Lisbon this coming June.

Julia's classification is school administration and is recognized throughout MA, New England and the United States as an exemplary educator. She has

mortality is highest today in those countries that in the past 20 years have known war. War is more than bullets, it turns out. War disrupts healthcare initiatives just as surely as it disrupts seasonal crops and schooling. Thus, peace is waged via vaccinations, schooling, water wells and sustainable agriculture. All the things that we as Rotarians strive to do.

But I didn't have to travel to the Peace Forum in Berlin to find Rotarians waging peace. This Holiday season, Rotarians throughout our District have worked to combat poverty and disease by remembering their neighbors with holiday dinners and community trees, by ringing bells for the Salvation Army and collecting Toys for Tots. Rotarians throughout our District have postponed their own Thanksgiving celebration so that their neighbors could more fully enjoy theirs. Rotarians have neglected their own holiday shopping in favor of buying gifts for the community tree.

The Holiday season is a great time to be a Rotarian. The seasonal greetings that are universal in the run-up to Christmas are what we live – and work to accomplish -- every day. So as the carols end, as the tree decorations and candles are put away, as the Holiday glow fades away, it's even more critical to remember the true message of the Season: to heal the sick and broken, to reach out to our less-fortunate neighbors, to do the work we were put here to do every day of the year.

May it be so.

Marty Peak Helman, District Governor

District News



Presidents - Current & Future Are Headed to Westbrook, ME
Posted by Penny Jett

Monday, January 28th is the date! Join your fellow classmates for great fellowship at this annual midyear event where all current and incoming presidents will convene at the Fireside Inn in Westbrook, Maine for an informational, goal setting and eventful evening.

Each class of presidents will meet with their respective governor - current presidents will assess the success of their clubs to date and what remains to be done to meet and exceed this year's goals. Incoming presidents will kick off planning and expectations for this upcoming year as president and vice presidents will get to know one another and start thinking about the goals they will develop for their clubs.

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Changes to District Bylaws Necessary - Majority Vote Needed at District Conference
Posted by Frank Helman

Our current District bylaws were adopted in 2007. With the passage of time, circumstances change, Rotary International policies are amended, and experience shows that certain

earned a doctorate in education from Indiana University and is currently leading many of Massachusetts's efforts as part of the Race to the Top (RTTT) grant. She has also been a principal and a teacher at several levels throughout several states.

She served as governor of district 7930 in 2007-08, as Zone Foundation Alumni Chair from 2009-2012, zone presenter, international trainer and has been instrumental in leading her district through the piloting of the Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan.

She and her Rotarian husband, Steve reside in Greenland, NH.

Progress/Interim Reports Due Feb. 1st



Progress/Interim reports are due on February 1, 2013 for DSG projects which were approved for this Rotary year. They need to be submitted to John Atwood, electronically at atwood@midcoast.com Clubs which need to submit a report are : Bath Sunrise, Brunswick, Casco Bay Sunrise, Durham / Great Bay, Freeport, Hampton, River Valley, Scarborough, York and Kennebunk Portside (in partnership with four other clubs).

Click on [progress report form](#) to download the necessary form to submit no later than February 1st, 2013.

New Bequest Society Members Honored at Governor's Council Dinner

provisions do not function as anticipated. To deal with these issues, Governor Marty appointed a committee at the beginning of the Rotary year to undertake a comprehensive review of the bylaws.

Members of the committee are:Chair *pro tem* Frank Helman, Boothbay Harbor, PRID Dan Mooers, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, AG Mae Bradshaw, Exeter and PP Phil Mancini, Scarborough.

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Holiday Message on Polio

Posted by Ted Trainer

The Holiday Season is about family and good will. I would like to convey an appropriately warm and fuzzy message on polio, and think I can, even though it is about the latest Independent Monitoring Board report admitting that we did not reach 2012 eradication targets.Despite program setbacks, the 6th Report of this very highly respected and very independent board is quite optimistic. It notes: All but 0.1% of polio has been eradicated globally – only 175 cases so far in 2012. Polio is now present in only 94 political subdivisions (Districts) in 4 countries. The Program is benefiting from an unprecedented level of priority and commitment, much of it stemming from the World Health Assembly declaration of polio eradication as an emergency for global public health.

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Rotary Supports the Victims of the Tragedy in Newtown, CT

Posted by Penny Jett on Dec 31, 2012

The Newtown Rotary Club has established the "Newtown Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund" to help victims and their families with both short- and longer term needs. Please refer to the club website, <http://www.newtownctrotary.org>, for contact information and progress reports. Connecticut's District Governor Brian Amey, a member himself of the Newtown Rotary Club, writes, "Sandy Hook School is a wonderful school and we have worked with them over the years with such things as the Dictionary Project and we hope it will not be too long before we are visiting the school again, distributing books."

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Sign Up Today for the Next Rotary Leadership Institute

Posted by Penny Jett on Dec 31, 2012

Want to learn more about Rotary? Want to position yourself for leadership opportunities in your club or the District? Want to know more about the programs and opportunities available to Rotarians but not sure who to ask? Want to spend a great day meeting like-minded people from throughout the District and beyond? Then the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is for you! RLI is a chance to



Just a few weeks ago, District Governor Marty and the council of governors and spouses gathered at the Cumberland Club in Portland, Maine for a holiday dinner. A tradition repeated annually for the current governor to brief the council members on the state of the district - to review its accomplishments and successes to date and to discuss strategies to reach additional goals before yearend.

A special presentation was made to our very own District Governor and Frank, as they both were honored as new Bequest Society Members of The Rotary Foundation. Presenting this award on behalf of The Rotary Foundation were Governor Nominee Lawrence Furbish and Governor Elect Carolyn Johnson.

District 7780 Trivia



AND WE HAVE A NEW WINNER!!!

Grace Connolly, Past President of the Rotary Club of Newburyport sent me the correct answers on Sunday, December 2nd at 11:34 PM!! Grace said "Because it was a GSE question, I was naturally intrigued." Grace chaired the District GSE Committee for the Rotary years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12. We had a second winner this month Peter Goffin, Past President of the Rotary Club of Portland but he reported in on December 4th. For the answer to last month's trivia question, click on the [Trivia Page](#) link.

get together on a Saturday and immerse yourself in Rotary. Facilitators are long-time Rotarians who enjoy sharing Rotary opportunities. RLI will be coming to us in District 7780 on March 2nd in Wells, ME, to Lebanon, NH on April 13th and to Peabody, MA on May 4th. (just to name a few of the sites)

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The Rotary Foundation Scores High From Charity Watchdogs

Posted by Penny Jett

In an environment of increasing competition and eroding trust, nonprofits not operating their organization efficiently and transparently are feeling the heat, now more than ever, thanks to the numerous organizations rating charities. People should and do expect that when they donate, their contributions will be put to good use. Thanks to the numerous resources available online, evaluating a charity is now easier than it once was. Many services rate charities; prominent among them are the Wise Giving Alliance, the nonprofit arm of the Better Business Bureau; Charity Navigator, a North Jersey-based nonprofit that rates 5,500 of the best known U.S. charities and compiles easy-to-browse "top 10" lists in various categories;

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Rotary International Shares Its Top 5 Stories of 2012

Posted by Penny Jett

1. **INDIA POLIO FREE** - After going an entire year without a new reported case of polio, India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization (WHO). Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February.

2. **NEW GRANT MODEL** - Rotary districts have begun qualifying for The Rotary Foundation's new grant model, which goes into effect for all districts on July 1, 2013. For the past three years, 100 districts have been testing this Future Vision model, providing feedback to help the Foundation refine it.

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Rotaplast - Mission to Guatemala 2014

Posted by Ann Demeranville on Dec 01, 2012

The District Rotaplast Committee recently met and decided to work towards the goal of supporting a mission to Guatemala in April, 2014. Half of the clubs in our district have been visited to hear about the life-changing work accomplished by the Rotaplast mission to Togo last year. Members of the committee hope to speak to the remaining clubs in the near future. Our goal is to have each club fund the cleft lip and cleft palate surgeries for just two children over

This month's District History trivia question is another one concerning GSE.

What are the names of the District Governors that served as GSE Team Leaders prior to becoming District Governor?

If you can find the answer in the District Website's Yearbook page, send it to me at mawilliamsdg@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.

Happy Holidays and a Very Happy & Healthy New Year to you and your families!

Marie A Williams
District Historian

Welcome to Our Newest Members



As always, 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 next two years. Anyone interested in potentially participating as a non-medical volunteer on our next mission should contact Rotaplast Ambassador Ann Demeranville at rotaplast7780@gmail.com.



Rotary Peace Scholar Joins District Conference Lineup

Posted by Martha Helman

A Rotary Peace Scholar alumna who works in restorative justice has joined the speaker's roster of our 2013 District Conference.

Rochelle Arms was a Rotary Peace Scholar 10 years ago at the Universidad del Salvador, and she did her applied field experience in Sarajevo. Currently, she works at the New York Peace Institute, where she focuses on restorative justice initiatives in the community as well as nationally.

As Rotary Peace Fellows, students work toward a master's degree in international relations, sustainable development, peace studies or a related field. Graduates are leaders who work toward national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities.

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The Rebuilding Phase: The Aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

Posted by Penny Jett on Dec 29, 2012

Rotarians are pitching in to help communities in New York and New Jersey recover in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The Rotary Districts in the Tri-State Area have come together, and have created a single staging area to help in recovery. The work continues! Go to www.nynjrotary.org for continuing updates of the situation, a list of the items most needed, and where to send tax-deductible checks.

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Deadline for Nominations January 15th

Posted by Penny Jett

District 7780 Rotary clubs are still invited to submit a nomination of candidate to serve as district 7780 Governor for the Rotary year 2015-16 and Rotary Clubs in Division A are also invited to submit a nomination of candidate for budget and finance committee to serve a three year term from 2013-2016. Candidates will be interviewed by the Nominating Committee and will be evaluated solely on their merits. Campaigning or political activity of any kind by or on behalf of a candidate is not permitted and constitutes grounds for disqualification.

the correct information for you. Again, welcome to Rotary District 7780.

Check out the newest members inducted as reported to RI as of December 27th on the link below.

[New Members Page](#)

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 (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

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

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World Disability Day, Kibera, Kenya

Posted by Dennis Robillard

Recently the world focused on the issues surrounding the disabled. Crutches 4 Africa, working together with NGO groups in Nairobi went into Kibera slum protected by an armed contingent of police with automatic weapons.

Kibera was recently marked as the world's third worst slum and has only recently acquired some sources of water. Scenes of alleys choked with garbage and children playing in piles of rotting refuse are common. It was in this setting that we went into to deliver mobility devices to people that lack almost everything.

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Club News - Durham Great Bay Rotary Club



Service Projects Co-chairman Rod Rodgers recently presented a check for \$2,500 to Durham Public Library Director Tom Madden to purchase two complete sets of reading station equipment and software to permit community residents with significant visual impairment to once again enjoy

the resources of a modern library. President George Rief (left) and Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees Doug Bencks (right) look on. A major portion of the gift was made possible by a District Simplified Grant award. Our Foundation dollars at work again!

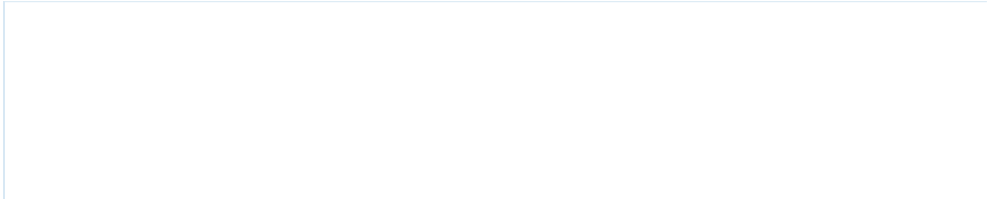


Members of the Durham Great Bay club take a moment to relax for a photo opportunity to showcase their hands on service project which involved reconstructing two bridges on the Longmarsh Trail, using timbers provided by Durham DPW.

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](#)



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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