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Governor Marty's Message



A Hundred Million Rotary Miracles

A new Rotary year is a time of anticipation. A time for putting in place plans for community suppers and elementary school projects, water wells and computer labs. Because whether it's a service project to help our neighbors across the street or across the globe, giving back – and creating small miracles in the process – is what Rotarians do.

Being a Rotarian is about creating miracles – it's about promoting peace. We tend to think of peace in the political sense, but Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka has pointed out that increasingly, without peace between people, we can never have peace between nations. When we help a mother ensure that there will be sufficient food on her table, or provide the means for a father to keep all his children in school; when we establish scholarships for young people in our own communities, or make sure the food pantry will supply our neighbors through the winter, than we are truly promoting peace.

Peace comes through the little things. And if the little things are done right, it's amazing how big they can grow to be.

I learned that lesson early on in my Rotary career: My husband and I had been Rotarians about a year when we first went to Guatemala. In truth, we didn't go for highly humanitarian reasons. We went because it was a corner of the world that was new to us; we figured that after a week's worth of volunteer time we would squeeze in a side-trip to see the Mayan ruins at Tikal.

But that's not exactly how it happened.

You've heard the story before, and many of you have lived it: We were blown away by the children we met – children who need so much but ask

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they're Hanes, and the colors don't run!. We sold out off tees at the Changeover, but you can still purchase them by clicking [here](#). Cost is \$18 per tee, which includes first-class postage.

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Annual Giving

Posted by Penny Jett

Begin your Rotary year with a **gift to change the world** and create world peace. Your gifts make Rotary unique. Each day Rotarians across the globe are contributing to make our world a better place. Whether supplying computers in classrooms, distributing malaria nets, or providing clean water, annual giving supports learning experiences, addresses health and hunger issues, and works towards peace every day. One of the things that make Rotary unique — our club-to-club project partnerships — is supported by gifts from Rotarians.

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Group Study Exchange 2012-2013

Posted by Penny Jett

Rotary District 7780 Group Study Exchange "GSE" program scheduled in the spring of 2013 will provide a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity in Nigeria. Four to five team members (Non-Rotarians, ages 25-40) all with **special education or therapeutic backgrounds** along with their Rotarian Team Leader will be hosted and live with Rotarians in their homes for about a month. This great learning event will offer an amazing opportunity to observe, teach and provide therapeutic services in their chosen vocation.

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Club Visioning

Posted by Penny Jett

WE'RE CELEBRATING! The District Vision Facilitation Team has completed its second year of conducting visioning events for clubs. With the Rotary Club of Freeport's successful workshop on June 26, the number of *visioned* clubs now stands at 20 or half of the clubs in the District! Incoming presidents, if you want information about how such a program can help your club unite around a vision for its future, please contact Club Visioning Chair Jim Price at jamesbprice@mac.com or District Coordinator Tony Wagner at tony.bellner@gmail.com.

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Crutches 4 Africa

Posted by Penny Jett

Crutches For Africa, simply put is **Rotary In Action**. Taking donated and often discarded canes, walkers, wheel chairs and crutches and delivering them to those in need around the world. It raises the spirit of the hindered and helps those who are immobile by illness, accidents or acts of violence to become productive citizens again. These mobility items exist in such

Club Fundraisers



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 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 throughout the district. The opportunity to



Brunswick Coastal's John Dennen received the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka at the Brunswick lunchtime club meeting on Monday, July 2. John was honored for his work over the past two decades to provide humanitarian relief to his native South Africa. In accepting the award, John said that it really belonged to the entire Brunswick Coastal club, which has been with him every step of the way. John and his club have raised almost \$1 million to help out in pediatric AIDS care.

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Local Boy Scouts Meet RI President Sakuji Tanaka
Posted by Penny Jett

It was a high honor for the **Boy Scouts from Southport Island Troop 238** to meet and shake hands with newly-installed Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka of Japan on his recent visit to Boothbay Harbor.

ShelterBox, Rotary International and the Boy Scouts of America have partnered in a humanitarian effort to provide aid worldwide in the form of shelter, comfort and dignity for people displaced by natural and other disasters. ShelterBox, started 11 years ago by a Rotarian from the United Kingdom, is at the forefront of disaster relief having responded to almost 200 disasters in over 75 different countries.

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RYLA Camp - A Huge Success
Posted by Penny Jett

The annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference was held at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine from June 24 through June 27, 2012. A total of 102 students were selected to represent 21 different clubs from our district for the 4 day, intensive leadership seminar. In addition to the students, RYLA welcomed back 38 volunteer staff members, most of whom are graduates of the program.

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District Simplified Grants for 2012-2013
Posted by Penny Jett

One of the best ways a Rotary Club can serve others is to launch a humanitarian project with club funds matched by **Rotary Foundation dollars** awarded by our local Rotary district. These small grants are called District Simplified Grants or "DSGs". They are awarded by the District Foundation Committee and are generally devoted to community initiatives, although international efforts are eligible. DSGs are designed to be completed in one year.

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Tie-dyed "Peace through Service" Tees Now on Sale
Posted by Scott Irving

Turquoise tie-dyed tees embroidered with the 2012-13 "Peace through Service" theme were a great hit at the recent Changeover. They're cool,

Governors Council Holiday Dinner
Dec 11, 2012

District Governor Nominations due
Jan 15, 2013

NorthEast LNK 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

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 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](#)

for so little. That first trip to Guatemala was back in 2005; it was been followed by several Rotary Foundation grants, one published book, a new school building and hundreds of thousands of donated dollars from Rotarians across this District and across this country. And the payoff is huge: Today, education is beginning to make a difference in the community via improved job skills as well as expanded horizons. And on a personal level, our sponsor student Juan Carlos has grown up and matriculated at university. His brother Jose is plugging away at high school. And my personal favorite: Their godmother Angela is also enrolled in school, and for the first time in her 65 years she can read street signs, understand pricing at the market – and sign her own name.

Guatemala has given Frank and me so much – but it only happened because we were willing to give Guatemala a try. So the message is simple: When you feel a tug, answer it! The life you change may very well be your own.

—Marty Peak Helman, District Governor

District News



Governors Council Pot Luck Dinner
Posted by Penny Jeff

Carolyn and Peter Johnson hosted our **district governor and governors council** on Saturday, July 7th at their beautiful home in Yarmouth, Maine. They enjoyed great fellowship, a pot luck dinner and an opportunity for all of the council members to share ideas and discuss the affairs of the district.

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Rotary Foundation Trustee Mike McGovern Assumed Duties July 1st
Posted by Penny Jeff

Mike McGovern of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth took office as a trustee of the Rotary Foundation on July 1st following his February election by the Rotary International board upon the recommendation of President Tanaka. There are 15 trustees, four of whom are past RI presidents.

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District Changeover
Posted by Penny Jeff on Jul 02, 2012

Summer, lobster, fun, a few showers, a brief thunderstorm and a great amount of fellowship was shared on July 1st, when Rotarians, friends and family gathered together, many donned in tie dyed shirts enjoying a memorable changeover event. Beautiful and picturesque Spruce Point Inn in Boothbay Harbor drew a sold out crowd from around our district and beyond, welcoming our very own **Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka** on his first day in office.

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John Dennen Receives Service Above Self Award
Posted by Martha Helman on Jul 02, 2012

abundance in our country that they are frequently considered a nuisance and often left to fill our landfills.

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Trek Across Maine
Posted by Penny Jeff

Congratulations to the **'End Polio Now' cycling team** that participated in the Trek Across Maine to benefit the American Lung Association on June 15th – June 17th. This three day 180 Mile journey beginning at Sunday River Ski resort in Bethel and ending at the ocean in Belfast Harbor was a charity fundraising event of which eight bicyclists collectively raised \$7016.00 for this important charity and created much awareness along the route of Rotary's mission to eradicate polio.

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