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Jun 03, 2013 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Permanent Fund At-Home in Scarborough, ME

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Permanent Fund At-Home in Topsham, ME

Jun 05, 2013 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM

RYLA Conference

Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

2013 International Convention

Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

District Service Project

Sep 14, 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

Rotary Leadership Institute

Oct 19, 2013

Zone New Generation Assembly

Dec 14, 2013

Mid Year Leadership Dinner 2014

Jan 27, 2014

World Understanding and Peace Dinner

Feb 22, 2014

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

Achieving Peace Through Service



Back in July, at the beginning of this Rotary year, I suggested we concentrate on the magic that we can perform through Rotary, and that we not sweat the small stuff. The meeting that runs overtime, the meal that arrives cold, the speaker who cancels at the last minute may all be major annoyances at the moment, but these concerns are just as quickly forgotten. What matters – the only thing that truly matters -- is the life-changing work that we can accomplish as Rotarians.

As Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka is quick to point out, it's the people-to-people humanitarian service we Rotarians do that ultimately can bring peace to our troubled planet. Without peace in the family, there can never be peace in the community; and without peace in the community, there can never be peace between nations. It is the seemingly little things that prove the most miraculous at the family level: A nourishing meal and a warm place to sleep, a vaccination and the knowledge that disease will be held at bay, a book and the means to go to school. Whether Rotarians get involved in projects to provide these essentials to our neighbors here at home or on the other side of the world, the work we are doing is truly helping to build peace.

I am pleased to report that we have created a lot of peace-building miracles this year. Clubs in this District have sponsored countless community suppers and literacy projects and scholarships. Clubs have found time to respond to the horrors of Superstorm Sandy and Newtown and, as I write this, are coming to grips with the needs of our neighbors in Oklahoma. Further afield, clubs in this District are directly involved in

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

Westbrook-Gorham Club Moving for the Summer



For the summer months only, The Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham is moving their weekly lunch meetings starting May 28th to the Stockhouse Restaurant, Function Room, 506 Main Street, Westbrook, Maine. (next to Pizza Time with parking in the rear lot) They will return to WRVC in early September!

District 7780 Welcomes Our Newest Members

Rotary Foundation Matching Grants that will make sustainable change in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nigeria, China, India and Guatemala. And clubs have been doing a lot more than just writing checks: This District has organized service trips that provide people-to-people support in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nigeria and India.

Our youth programs are setting the stage for even more peace-building in the generation to come. Three new Interact clubs in schools that haven't had them previously have been started this year by Brunswick Coastal, Damariscotta-Newcastle and Kittery, and these clubs join our two-dozen ongoing ones in helping to introduce our Interactors to the responsibilities – and the fun – of service above self during those impressionable teen years. Meanwhile, our Youth Exchange students – as well as all those who they touch – are discovering just how personal global relationships can be. At the Peace Forum in Berlin last winter I met a just-returned Youth Exchanger who said that she met peers from all over the world during her year in Australia. Now, she said, when she hears of a disaster in Sweden or Swaziland or Sebastopol, her immediate thought is how her friends who live there will have fared through the crisis. A generation of young people with such personal concern for their global neighbors will do much to heal the fabric of our broken world!

Yes, it's been a remarkable year. We started off last July 1 with a Changeover officiated by President Sakuji, and we are ending it with our District Conference keynoted by Rotary International vice president-elect Anne Matthews. But the most important components to a successful year are not the senior Rotary leaders we host, but YOU.

This District harbors so much talent. So much life-giving, peace-bringing talent. It's been an honor to serve as your District Governor, a blessing to have the opportunity to participate in the activities of your clubs, to learn more about your projects and fundraisers and to share your successes. It's been a joy to spotlight your talent and the extra-special Rotarians behind some of your projects at District events including the just-completed District Conference. Of course, no Rotarian does what we do for the reward; we do what we do because it's service we are passionate about and work that we believe needs to be done. But as volunteers, the only reward we receive is recognition. And the highest form of recognition is that which comes from one's peers. So recognition is part of a successful Rotary year, and you will find a full listing of the citations and awards presented this year in this newsletter.

One of the strengths of Rotary is that we ask our volunteers to give their all for a finite period of time, and then just as quickly term limits set in and ask them to move on to other Rotary opportunities. Rotary is a continuum – the humanitarian needs never stop, and neither should we. Already, the 2013-14 presidents-elect who take office on July 1 are setting club goals and applying for Rotary Foundation grants. Already, they are preparing club budgets and making plans to better this year's performance. That's the way it should be. After all, if we accomplished everything we set out to do in a single year, it would only prove that we hadn't set our goals high enough! So in a few short weeks, Governor-elect Carolyn Johnson, a consummate Rotarian who I am honored to call my dear friend, will be asking us all to "Engage Rotary, Change Lives." And in a few weeks I will



Rotary International unveils its newest additions to our clubs as of April 30th. Governor Marty and the district leadership team encourages each of 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.

Bath: Joel Austin

Biddeford-Saco: Susan Gajewski

Brunswick Coastal:

Cassandra Atwood,
Rebecca Graham

Dover: Robert Boulanger,
Jon James

Freeport: Caleb Stephens,
Lonny Winrich

Fryeburg Area: Ron
Briggs

Hampton: Bryan Belanger

Kennebunk: Lesa Kraft,
Jeffrey Martin

Ogunquit: Robert Leary

“pass the gavel” to her and return to the most important role a Rotarian can aspire to: that of club Rotarian.

--Marty Peak Helman, District Governor

District News

Silent Auction



District Conference Raffle and Auction Raise \$5306 for The Rotary Foundation

Posted by Martha Helman

Thanks to the concept of “bidding high, bidding often,” the Silent Auction at the recent District Conference raised a total of \$4256 for the Annual Giving fund of The Rotary Foundation. In addition, the raffle for the two-night stay at Spruce Point Inn – which was won by PDG Peter Johnson -- raised an additional \$1040. These earnings – a grand total of \$5306 -- will all be donated to the Annual Giving Fund.

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Stellar Clubs Reach \$100 per Capita Giving Mark

Posted by Martha Helman



Congratulations to the following clubs, which have met the goal of giving at least \$100 per club member to the Annual Giving fund of the Rotary Foundation: Bath Sunrise, Boothbay Harbor, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Hampton, Kittery, Oxford Hills, Portland, Portland Sunrise, Sanford-Springvale, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Yarmouth and York.

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Learn More about the Endowment of The Rotary Foundation

Posted by Martha Helman

The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund is the endowment that funds Rotary's humanitarian programs including the Rotary Peace Fellows. Now, a series of at-homes are being hosted throughout the District so that interested Rotarians can learn more about the Permanent Fund. Jenna (Steiner) Archuletta, Major Gifts Officer of Rotary International.

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District Bylaws Updated at Conference

Posted by Frank Helman

At the District Council on Legislation held at the District Conference, the proposed restatement of the District bylaws was adopted, with a few clarifying amendments

Oxford Hills: Curtis Smith
Portland: Janelle LoSciuto
Portsmouth: Dennis Moulton, Penny Walsh
Rochester: Blaine Cox
Saco Bay: Anthony DeBarros
Seacoast: Eric Beauregard, Anthony Demers
South Portland/Cape Elizabeth: Lyla Baldwin, Sue Sturtevant
York: Katie Schindler

Check out the link to our website for a complete list of members inducted throughout the year.

[Member Milestones](#)

District Trivia



Last month's District History Trivia Question had two parts:

Which clubs transferred from District 7790 to District 7780? When did they become part of District 7780?

We have a NEW winner this month!

Chip Griffin from the Boothbay Harbor Club emailed me on May 3, 2013. Congratulations, Chip!

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

As this is the last District History Trivia Question for this Rotary year a little more work is required! Two more questions about

from the floor. This concluded the work of the Bylaws Committee, which has been meeting throughout the year to review and revise the bylaws. Committee members included PRID Dan Mooers (South Portland-Cape Elizabeth), AG Mae Bradshaw (Exeter), and Phil Mancini (Scarborough). Frank Helman, chair *pro tem* of the committee and a member of the Boothbay Harbor club, noted that although extensive changes had been made to the bylaws, which had not been amended since they were adopted in 2007, much remained to be done, as the committee was unable to act on many of the proposals before it and had to defer them for future consideration.

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Clubs Honored for an Outstanding Year

Posted by Martha Helman

Outstanding Rotary clubs are made up of volunteers who work hard all year to do what they believe in doing. A number of clubs throughout the District earned Rotary International and Zone 32 awards for the work they did in 2012-13. Honored at the District Conference were:

Rotary International Significant Achievement Award: Rotary Club of Rochester, for Howie's Field of Dreams, a \$500,000, three-year project to build a handicap-accessible regulation Little League-style "Buddy Ball" field for special needs children.

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Rotarians Honored for Remarkable Service

Posted by Martha Helman

All Rotarians are high achievers, by definition, but occasionally, a Rotarian stands out whose work makes the rest of us proud to be a Rotarian. This year, District Rotarians we can count in that number include:

District Rotarian of the Decade: John Rainone (York). John has been an active leader in this District for many years, serving as Assistant Governor and AG Coordinator, as an RLI Facilitator and District Chair, and currently, as District Protection Chair. John has also hosted countless District functions at York County Community College. A significant career step is now taking John and Laura to Virginia. John was honored with the previously unprecedented award of District Rotarian of the Decade.

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Group Study Exchange From District 9125 Tours District 7780

Posted by Stephanie Blecharczyk

The Group Study Exchange team of three members and

the District "Family Tree". How many clubs have been chartered since we split from District 779/7790? Please give me the names of the Rotary Clubs that have been chartered since July 1, 1990.

How many clubs have changed their names from when they were chartered? Please provide all the names used by these clubs. If you can find the answer in the District Website's Yearbook page, send it to me at

mawilliamspdg@comcast.n

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

Club Fundraisers



The Rotary year may be winding down, but clubs are still active in all of their fundraising activities. Check out the link below and see what clubs have lined up over the next few weeks. You'll be glad you checked it out.

[Club Fundraising Page](#)

Speakers Bureau



team leader from District 9125 in Nigeria visited District 7780 during April and May this Spring. A total of ten Rotary clubs planned events and provided host families for their overnight comfort in Maine and New Hampshire. The team was made up of adults who work with and assist persons with disabilities or who train special educators.

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GSE Experience

Posted by Sheila Rollins

Being a member and team leader of the GSE team to Nigeria has been an honor. I appreciate the opportunity to experience another culture from the perspective of

sharing and learning.

This year's GSE team was made up of a unique group of individuals that work with, in one way or another, special needs children. As a team, we traveled to 11 different schools, an orphanage, and a blind workshop for adults.

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Essex Announces Youth Exchange Students for 2013-14

Posted by Dru Laduke

Our (4) Inbound students for the academic school year 2013-14 have been announced!

Tiago Barreto, 16-years old, from Apucarana, Parana, Brazil being assigned to the Rotary Club of Freeport.

Axelle Hubin, 18-year old, from Clemont, Liege, Belgique being assigned to the Rotary Club of Yarmouth.

Ana Yolanda Giler Mera, 18-year old, from Portoviejo Manabi, Ecuador being assigned to the Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco.

Yoho Monzai, 18-year old, from Fui/Shizuka, Japan being assigned to the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, NH.



Middle School Early Act Participates in 30 Hour Famine

Posted by Mary Rennie

The Molly Ockett Middle School Early Actors participated in a 30 Hour Famine to raise money to fight hunger thru World Vision. The students while fasting for thirty hours participated in many activities which simulated what it was like to be disabled, hungry or sick. They made boxes in which they slept and took part in tribal games. Each student had to take on the character of their tribe member including whatever disability the tribal member has such as: broken arm (had to wear a sling), Club foot (had to wear a splint), Malaria(had to wear a winter jacket to simulate fever), and blindness (had to wear a patch over glasses), Weakness (had to wear a backpack with heavy books).

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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](#)



Wells Celebrates 28 Years

Posted by Suzanne Ilsley

The Rotary Club of Wells celebrated their 28th Charter Anniversary May 3rd, 2013 at the Coastal House in Wells, ME. In the celebration was honoring our own Terry Hodskins a Service Above Self Award for her dedication and supply of 18,000 quilts to those receiving Rotaplast Surgery. This award was presented to Terry from Peter Lagarias co-founder of Rotaplast who arrived from California just to present this award.

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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.

Click on the link below and like our Rotary District 7780 facebook page today



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7780**

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Bon Voyage, Newburyport!

Posted by Martha Helman

Newburyport, the southernmost club (and the only Massachusetts club) in our District, has elected to transition to District 7930, the Boston metro area Rotary District, effective July 1, 2013. We will miss Newburyport, which last month celebrated its 90th year of service with a gala evening of dinner and dancing, but a look at the map quickly shows their decision to be a prudent one. Bon Voyage, Newburyport! And here's to the next 90 years!

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