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Governor Marty's Message

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Podium



DGN Lawrence Furbish, DG Marty Helman & DGE Carolyn Johnson

Why did I want to be District Governor? I was asked many questions during my club visits, but I must admit that this was the one that gave me the greatest pause. It is not a question that should be pawned off with an easy answer. "To give back" is too facile. And there are sobering examples out there of Rotarians who became governors for the wrong reasons – ego comes to mind – or for whom the speaking/travel/outreach proved to be a lousy fit. There are also those for whom the work-family-Rotary balance became, well, unbalanced. And I have met governors who chose the path too soon in their Rotary careers, before they were knowledgeable about the resources they would need to make their governorship a success. You only get one governor year; best to wait and be your best so you can give your best.

It's also easy for club members to focus on the more visible signs of a governorship – the "official" visits, the committee work, the District assemblies

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Anniversary!
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Peter Johnson Honored At
Foundation Seminar



Congratulations to PDG Peter Johnson, who was honored with The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service at the end of the Foundation Seminar on October 27th. PDG Peter, a founding member of the Yarmouth Club, has been instrumental for years in helping promote the Foundation throughout the District. He has

and dinners and other events. It's harder to see the behind-the-scenes activity, but I assure you that the "real" work of a District Governor is the communications and cajoling it takes to run an organization made up of disparate volunteers, no matter how committed.

So why did I want to be District Governor? When I was asked the question during the nomination process, my answer was that I thought I had something to say. Our District has a lot going for it – strong heritage of service, solid recognition factor in our communities, remarkable Past District Governor presence at Zone and International levels – as well as some superficial (but no-less-important) factors -- a relatively small and homogenous geographic area and a reasonably discrete number of clubs. Our District is manageable!

For all that, both our membership numbers and our Foundation giving have been going in the wrong direction for too long. I, egoist that I am, thought I could offer a model that would create change in both these benchmarks. With the 2012-13 Rotary year one-third over, I hope I am making an impact in these matters. (Still too soon for the numbers to tell.) But a funny thing happened on the way to the podium.

Perhaps you've seen the marketing campaign: "I joined Rotary for fellowship. I stayed to change the world." That sentiment speaks to who we are. But I think the full Rotary experience requires the circle to be completed: "I became a committed Rotarian for the same reason I initially joined: because of the fellowship."

You see, one of the remarkable things about coming out for District events is that you never know who you might meet. We have so many club members who have done extraordinary work. Who have a passion and are making discernible differences in their own community or maybe half-way across the world. And the best way to meet these Rotarians – and learn from them -- is to get out of the comfort zone at a District event or Rotary Leadership Institute and sit down next to someone new. Find someone who is wearing a Rotary pin that you don't recognize or who said something interesting during the Q&A, walk up to them, introduce yourself and ask them about whatever it is that attracted you to them.

You never know what you might learn, or what new Rotary service you might be exposed to. You never know who will share with you a story that will make you proud to be a Rotarian.

I write this from the Rotary Zone Institute in Vancouver. The Zone Institute is where governors past, present and future get together to share ideas and insights, to learn the latest from Evanston and, of greatest importance, to share the stories of Rotary. The stories that prove that peace comes through service, and that it is the actions of all of us that turn what Rotary does into magic.

Here at Zone this week I have learned about a newly chartered Interact club made up of special needs kids. These teens are usually on the *receiving* end, but through Interact, they are learning for the first time how to *give*. A Rotary Club that is improving the small community it serves by acting as a focus group/sounding board for local business initiatives. And a Rotarian who has turned lessons learned in third-world countries to build literacy in First Nations communities right here in British Columbia. All these stories –and many more – make me proud to be a Rotarian.

already served three years as District Foundation Chair, and he came back last spring to serve another term, during a time of tremendous change in The Rotary Foundation. The Citation for Meritorious Service is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding active service to the Foundation over a period of years. Previous recipients from District 7780 are Tim Placey, Mike McGovern, Craig Wellman, Jim Labrie and Dan Mooers.

David Underhill Includes
Rotary Foundation In Estate
Plans



David Underhill, president-elect of the Portsmouth Club, was honored at the recent District Foundation Seminar for the gift that he and his wife Linda have chosen to leave to The Rotary Foundation. Dave and Linda have included The Rotary Foundation in their estate plans, and by so doing and joining the Bequest Society, they are truly leaving a gift to the future of the world.

"We can't think of many other places we could leave some money with the highest confidence it would do good for a long time, and most assuredly we can't take it with us," Dave says. "Charities are personal: I'd never presume I could persuade someone off the street that they should give to a specific church, or organization, simply because I had done so. The difference here is that the District and our local Rotary Club are already things we've committed to with time and energy."

At the Seminar, District Foundation Chair Peter Johnson urged all participants to make leadership gifts to The Rotary

So why did I want to be District Governor? Because I thought I had something to say. But why is my governorship proving to be a life-changer for me? Because of the Rotarians I meet.

Soon, it will be time for candidates to put their names forward for 2015-16 District Governor and the next representative on the District's Finance Committee. Club Presidents already have the info they need for their clubs to propose candidates. Plus, PDG George Rice has put together a morning seminar that is designed to encourage Rotarians who are interested in applying for those positions – or any other District slot. The seminar will take place Saturday, November 10, at the Cape Elizabeth Town Hall, and I promise you a safe environment to get your concerns satisfied and your questions answered.

Is being a District Governor occasionally exhausting? Yes. Frustrating? Never. Because the people I meet and work with every day as Governor are people who make me proud to be a Rotarian.

--Marty Peak Helman, District Governor

District News



[Rotarians Help Decide Expenditures at District Foundation Seminar](#)
Posted by Martha Helman

A whopping 125 Rotarians from three-quarters of the clubs throughout the District came together on a recent Saturday to learn about the changes that will take effect in

The Rotary Foundation's programs, and to help determine how this District will spend the Foundation dollars that it raises.

Past Foundation Chairs from Districts throughout New England were on hand to facilitate the process, which was recommended by our own District Foundation Transition Committee and organized by Governor-elect Carolyn Johnson. The event started off with a rousing speech by Youth Services Chair Dru Laduke, who spoke of the importance of the Foundation, and examples of innovative and sustainable use of Foundation funds interspersed the proceedings.

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[Rotarians Are Headed to Cape Elizabeth on Saturday, November 10th](#)
Posted by George Rice

Are you interested in serving as governor of our district in the future? Or perhaps serving in another district capacity? Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Governor, or in a position on one of our many district committees? Then

head to Cape Elizabeth on Saturday, November 10th for an informal, casual exchange where you can ask the questions that you need answered.

This will be a two part panel discussion, the first being with several Past Presidents that have served on District Committees or District Offices explaining their roles, responsibilities, satisfaction and other issues. As RFT Mike McGovern is the champion service volunteer not only to his club and District but Rotary International, he will give an overview of what

Foundation. "If I can convince you to put The Rotary Foundation in the top three of your charitable donations each year," he said, "that's leadership."

Each year, thousands of Rotarians and friends designate a portion of their assets in their estate plans to benefit The Rotary Foundation. Bequests made through wills or living trusts play an important role in securing the future of Foundation programs by building the Permanent Fund, which is the endowment of The Foundation. These commitments also enable individuals to make gifts that may not have been feasible during their lifetimes.

A Benefactor is anyone who informs The Rotary Foundation that s/he has made a commitment to leave \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation; the Bequest Society requires a planned gift of \$10,000 or more.

Chip Griffin
chip@griffinlawoffices.com is available to suggest ways to include The Rotary Foundation in estate planning. To learn more, please contact Tim Placey, our District's Permanent Fund Advisor,
tng1966@roadrunner.com.

Crutches 4 Africa Party



The Crutches 4 Africa work party to load a 40 foot container and send Mobility Devices to Africa has been rescheduled to **Monday, Nov 5, at 12:30**. Same place: McAllister Machinery, 95 Industrial Park Road, Saco, ME. Same goal: To load 5000 mobility devices for shipment from Boston to Nigeria.

Please email Dennis Robillard (risc@gwi.net) and let him know if you can come out and help. And many thanks! Those of us who are currently off the power grid are getting a reminder of what it is to live without the basics ... and even more basic than electricity is mobility. Let's help 5000 people we will never

it means to serve in a capacity beyond the club Level. Also serving on the panel will be Past Presidents Tony Wagner, Patty Rice and Dru Laduke.

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Thoughts From Your District Foundation Chair

Posted by Peter Johnson

Your District Foundation Team – District Governor, future governors, Foundation Committee and Foundation Transition Committee – were extremely pleased with the turnout for our recent seminar. We were even the more pleased with the enthusiasm and energy on display throughout the day. I don't know when I have felt more pride in being a part of a terrific group of people who earnestly and eagerly want to put their time, talent, and treasure to work to help others. I left with a great feeling. Thanks.

For those not in attendance, one of the key aspects of the morning was to solicit input on how best our district should prioritize the use of our foundation monies, so participants spent time in workshops where they could formulate suggested plans of approach. The conversations were robust, thoughtful, and innovative. The conclusions were significantly more meaningful than the foundation team would have been able to do on our own.

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Keeping Our Youth Safe - Tuesday, November 13th

Posted by Martha Helman

Headlines involving Penn State, the Boy Scouts and the Catholic Church speak for themselves why The Rotary International Board of Directors has urged Districts worldwide – including ours – to develop and adhere to a protection policy to safeguard our youth and other vulnerable persons.

This District developed such a policy two years ago. At its core, it calls for all Rotary volunteers – defined as those who have ongoing and regular one-on-one contact with youth and protected persons – to undergo protection training and a background check every three years.

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What's In A Zone?

Posted by Martha Helman

The Rotary Zone Institute is the place where governors past, present and future gather each autumn to learn the latest from Rotary International and each other.

Zone involves a remarkable amount of Rotary hoopla – here's the place to show off that Rotary theme tie – as well as Rotary story telling. It's also an opportunity to speak informally with senior Rotary leaders. At the recent Zone Institute in Vancouver, those leaders included Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka, our Rotary International Director Bryn Styles, Rotary International Trustee Stephanie Urchick, and, briefly, our own Mike McGovern, Trustee, past Vice President, and a Rotarian from our District.

meet get (literally) back on their feet via this shipment!

District 7780 Trivia



Last month's District History trivia question was: Who is the only District Secretary that has also served as a District 7780 Governor? **AND WE HAVE A WINNER!!!** Lawrence Furbish from the Sanford/Springvale Rotary Club sent the correct answer in on October 2nd, 2012 at 9:34 PM - Click here to read more. [Trivia Questions & Answers](#).

This month's District History trivia question has two parts; **Where was the first RYLA Conference held and which location has had the most District 7780 RYLA Conferences?** If you can find the answer in the District Website's Yearbook page, send it to me at mawilliamsdpdg@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. Let's see if anyone besides DGN Lawrence Furbish is reading about the District History!

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

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Nominations For District Governor to Serve in 2015-2016

Posted by Penny Jett

District 7780 Rotary clubs are invited to submit nominations of candidates to serve as district 7780 Governor for the Rotary year 2015-16.

Candidates must be members in good standing of a District club and should be familiar with the operation of the district. Experience as chair of a District committee or as Assistant Governor, as well as participation in other aspects of District administration, is highly desirable but not mandatory.

The candidate must be a past president of a Rotary club and have been a Rotarian for at least seven years at the time of taking office (July 1, 2015).

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Budget & Finance Candidate Needed for Three Year Term

Posted by Penny Jett

Rotary Clubs of Dover, Durham-Great Bay, Exeter, Hampton, Portsmouth, Seacoast Portsmouth, Newburyport and Rochester (our clubs in Division A) are invited to propose candidates to serve as the Division's member of the Finance Committee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013.

Candidates must be members in good standing of a District club and should preferably have a background in budgeting, finance or accounting. Experience in other aspects of District administration is highly desirable but not mandatory.

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Team Leader Selected - Congratulations Sheila Rollins

Posted by Martha Helman

Sheila Rollins, a member of the Bridgton-Lake club who is currently serving as Assistant Governor, has been selected to be team leader of the District's Group Study Exchange "GSE" program scheduled in the spring of 2013. Sheila will lead a team of young professionals with **special education or therapeutic backgrounds as they travel to Nigeria**. The team will work in schools and facilities for special needs children and 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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District Vision Facilitation Committee Plans Fall Workshop for Club Champions

Posted by Sue Gesing

The District Vision Facilitation Committee is planning a November 15th "Vision to Plan" workshop for

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 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



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.

representatives from clubs in the district that have participated in visioning events. This person is typically identified as the Club Vision Champion. The workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to share success stories and lessons learned, in a peer environment, and to discuss strategies for moving beyond the vision facilitation event to achieve important club goals. It will also be an opportunity for clubs to hear about ways that the District can be helpful in this process. Assistant Governors and Lead Facilitators will be invited to this workshop.

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[Rotary Scholarships Help Build Peace](#)

Posted by Martha Helman

The Rotary Peace Fellowship program, which was initiated by The Rotary Foundation in 2002, funds a master's degree or certificate in peace and conflict resolution. Each year, around 60 students are selected for the program by means of a worldwide competition to study in one of six Rotary Centers for International Studies, located at seven prestigious universities worldwide.

Graduates of the program work at grassroots and non-governmental organizations, national governments, and international organizations including the United Nations, World Bank, and Organization of American States. Whatever their employer, their work is in areas such as sustainable agriculture, water rights, women's issues, community building and so on.

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[Polio Eradication In Afghanistan](#)

Posted by Ted Trainer

As of the week ending October 20th, there have been 171 new cases of polio in the world in 2012, vs. 467 in the same period last year. Of these, 97 were in Nigeria (vs. 37 in same period in 2011), 44 in Pakistan (vs. 118), 25 in Afghanistan (vs. 40, the year in which the Afghan program suffered a major setback including the spread of the virus outside the traditional endemic areas) and 5 in Chad (vs. 114). I have earlier discussed prospects in Pakistan and Nigeria; this month I will focus on Afghanistan.

For Afghanistan, the basic story is that polio eradication was proceeding well until a major outbreak in 2011, but that effective measures are being put in place in 2012. The result has been a decline in polio cases from 2011 (but still well above the previous ten years). Most importantly, none of the new cases are Types 2 and 3, unlike the other endemic countries. (This fact enables the program to use only the most effective of the polio vaccines).

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Club News

[Kittery Celebrates 25 Years](#)

Oct 28, 2012 by David Gooch

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 in the first quarter of our Rotary year 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 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

On October 19th, the Rotary Club of Kittery celebrated their 25th Anniversary at the Regatta Room in Eliot. The Club received their charter on October 13, 1987, the year that Rotary International opened the membership to women. Nine women were among our charter members; one, our sole remaining active charter member, went on to become District Governor (twice). Our Charter President Russell McMullen, and charter member John Robbins were able to join us for the evening. PDG Joseph Hahn was our speaker for the event. PDG Hahn was District Governor in 1986-1987 when the club was being formed. His message was short and clear "Get involved at the club and District leadership levels - because it is fun!"

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[Bethel Rotary Woodsplitting Party](#)

Oct 31, 2012 by Suzanne Dunham

Each year for the past few years, Rotarians cut and split log endings from the Dunham Farm's sawmill and donate the wood to needy families in the area. This year Rotarians and Interact students gathered at the farm from 9 a.m. to noon and filled four dump truck loads of firewood.

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[Brunswick Rotary Builds Swing Set for Homeless Children](#)

Oct 31, 2012 by Claudia Frost

The Brunswick Rotary Club recently installed a new swing-set at the Tedford Housing – Family Shelter on Federal Street in Brunswick. "There had been a swing set there but it had to be closed a few years ago as it was deteriorating and no longer safe," says Don Kniseley, a member of the Rotary Club and former director of Tedford Housing. "Tedford did not have funds to replace the playground equipment at this time so we received a Rotary International Foundation grant and matched it with Club funds to purchase and install the swing set."

Craig Phillips, current Tedford Housing executive director says that this is an important new addition to their work with homeless families and children. "When families are in such a stressful situation, having safe and appropriate outdoor play space really means a lot. We very much appreciate the Brunswick Rotary Clubs thoughtfulness and hard work."

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[Fryeburg Area Rotary Has A Spooktacular Event](#)

Oct 31, 2012 by Mary Rennie

What do Ghosts, Goblins and Goulash have to do with Early Act? On October 27th, Molly Ockett Early Act Club of Fryeburg, Me. along with the Fryeburg Interact Club of Fryeburg.Me teamed up and helped the Fryeburg Rec and Lovell Rec to sponsor a Halloween Party for little ones in the Fryeburg Area. It was a "Spooktacular Event" and one of the first events for our newly formed Early Act Club at Molly Ockett Middle School. Not only did the community enjoy the festivities but so did our Earlyactors and their Advisors!

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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 communicate information from Newburyport to Boothbay Harbor and everything in between is just a few keystrokes away.

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