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Crutches4Africa Founder Dave Talbot Visits Oct 01, 2012 - Oct 05, 2012

Club Protection Officer Meeting Oct 02, 2012 06:00 PM

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Walk for Peace Oct 06, 2012 - Oct 08, 2012

Zone 24-32 Meeting Oct 17, 2012 - Oct 20, 2012

Kittery's 25th Anniversary Oct 19, 2012

World Polio Day Oct 24, 2012

GSE Team Member Application Deadline Oct 27, 2012

RLI in Lewiston, ME Oct 27, 2012

District Foundation Seminar Oct 27, 2012 08:00 AM

District 7780 Foundation Seminar

Lake Region Vocational HS Oct 27, 2012 08:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Rotary UN Day Nov 03, 2012

Assistant Governor meeting Nov 07, 2012 05:00 PM

Future Leaders Seminar Nov 10, 2012

GSE Team Member Interviews Scheduled

Nov 12, 2012 - Nov 13, 2012

Protection Training Nov 13, 2012 06:00 PM

Club Vision Champions Workshop Nov 15, 2012 06:00 PM

Governor Marty's Message

What's Your Rotary Miracle



Being a Rotarian is about creating miracles -- miracles that can provide a child a book and the means to read it or offer an elder a hot meal and a smile; miracles that can provide a community clean drinking water or can safeguard the children in that community against disease. Or the miracle of giving a man a prosthetic hand, and with it, the wherewithal to feed and clothe himself, and to hold down a job. Rotary gives us the tools to turn miracles into reality through The Rotary Foundation, the 501(c)3 that is the funding source for the humanitarian work that we do both at home and around the globe. The Rotary Foundation is an \$850million charity with \$240 million

held in permanent endowment, all of it voluntarily contributed by Rotarians including you and me. (Not a penny of dues goes to support the Foundation!)
Last year, Rotarians through the Foundation distributed \$170 million to do good in the world. And less we forget, The Rotary Foundation is one of the most highly rated, most effective charities in the world. Check out its ratings on Charity Navigator, or any other independent watchdog organization. You'll be impressed by what you read. The Rotary Foundation has been around for several generations, and like all institutions, it's occasionally needful to update programs and processes. And indeed, effective next July 1, while the mission of The Rotary Foundation will remain constant, the methods by which it is run will change substantively.

The biggest result of the change is that we, the Rotarians who raise the money, will have significantly greater latitude in determining how that money is spent. Of course rules and accountability will remain – that's part of the obligation of managing a large endowment – but come next July 1, we as a District will have much more decision-making in selecting the humanitarian projects in which we wish to invest our Foundation dollars.

What miracles can we fund under the new rules? Read on:

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Governors Council Holiday Dinner

Dec 11, 2012

District Finance Committee Meeting

Dec 17, 2012 06:00 PM

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 Jan 28, 2013

District Nominations Committee

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

Friendship Exchange to New Orleans

Feb 09, 2013 - Feb 16, 2013

Stuff the Bus and Frugal Feast Feb 23, 2013

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

Portsmouth Club's 90th Anniversary! Mar 28, 2013

District Assembly 2012 Apr 06, 2013

District Service Tour to Guatemala Apr 13, 2013 - Apr 21, 2013

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

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

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

New Members Luncheon Jun 08, 2013

District Changeover (tentative) Jun 09, 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 Interested in significantly more funding going toward discrete local projects (which have been called District Simplified Grants in the past)?
 We can do that.

- Want to see us invest more in larger, international grants (which have been called Matching Grants in the past)? We can do that.
- Interested in creating scholarships for local kids to go to school, or maybe for youth in developing nations to have a chance at education? We can do these things as well.
- Want to see Group Study Exchange continued, or want to see it morph into vocational teams of Rotarians and non-Rotarians who travel together to do humanitarian work? We can do both of these.

But, yes, there's a nit: The amount of money available to us to spend is directly related to the amount of money that we as a District raise, and unfortunately, in the past few years our Foundation giving numbers have been going in the wrong direction. Clearly, there are more good ideas out there on how to spend our Foundation dollars then there are dollars available to spend.

So The District Foundation Committee wants to hear from you! Every District 7780 Rotarian is invited to attend the Foundation seminar that will be held Saturday, October 27, in Bridgton, Maine, and to be part of the planning session that will determine our Rotary Foundation priorities for the next few years. Come be part of the decision-making process, and let your voice be heard! Registration is available through this website. Just click on the online registration or the download form today.

The bottom-line is this: Through the Foundation, Rotary is a miracle-creating organization. And The Rotary Foundation is OUR Foundation. The miracles we invest in over the next few years will be the ones that prove to be most popular at the seminar. So come on out and share your most dreamed-of Rotary miracle! Then help make that miracle happen. You'll be glad you did.

-- Marty Peak Helman, District Governor

District News



Membership Seminar Offered New Ways to Think About Rotary Posted by Martha Helman

Rotary was invented at a time when men were wage earners and women stayed home, when work never took place outside of Monday-to-Friday, 9-to-5, and when work

included a confirmed lunch hour that offered an easy opportunity for a men's weekly get-together.

Anybody still live in that world? And yes, too many of our membership "requirements" are still based around a culture that has ceased to exist.

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Help Recruit Candidates for Group Study Exchange Posted by Martha Helman

Next spring, this District will send a Group Study Exchange team of professionals who work with special needs individuals – teachers, social workers, techs and the like – to Nigeria to work with their professional

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FOUNDATION SEMINAR Saturday, October 27th



What: This is NOT your typical Foundation Seminar.

Why: The rules are changing due to Future Vision. The new grants program of The Rotary Foundation takes effect July 1st, 2013 and our district and our clubs need to prepare.

Why Do YOU Need to Attend:

Our District Foundation Committee needs to make decisions - we have many choices and new choices as to where to allocate money and the District Foundation Committee wants to hear what all of our clubs want. You have a voice and district wants your input!

Where: Lake Region Vocational HS Naples, ME

When: Sat. Oct. 27th 8:00 a.m.

Who is Invited: Every member of our district - old, new, board members, foundation chairs, everyone. It is important that every club sends members to this seminar.

Cost: Only \$10.00 pp, includes breakfast & lunch District dues is subsidizing the cost, due to the IMPORTANCE of Rotarians attending.

Register: Click on the following link for more information. registration info Deadline to register is October 24th.

SEE YOU ON THE 27TH

Clubs Recognized For Membership Growth



counterparts in schools and facilities for special needs children. The in-country travel that is typical of a Group Study Exchange will be slowed down so that the team members will actually spend time working in Nigerian facilities for special needs individuals.

Read more.



District Simplified Grant Awards Announced Posted by Penny Jett

The District Simplified Grant Selection Committee had to choose among 24 grant applications representing 28 clubs — and with only \$15,000 in play this year, only 10 applications could be selected. It's important for all of us

to remember that the amount of money that we have available to distribute each year, is based entirely on our district's past giving, i.e. the total dollars that our clubs and individual members contribute each year to the annual giving fund. The more money we contribute, the more money is returned to our district, money that our members can invest in meaningful projects right here in our own backyard. Congratulations to all the clubs which participated in this year's competition. The winners are:

Read more.



Why Should Group Study Exchange Have All the Fun? Posted by Martha Helman

Last month this District hosted a Friendship Exchange Team of Rotarians and their spouses from District 6840, which encompasses southern Louisiana and southern Mississippi. The team of 13, representing eight clubs and led by Governor Don Bryan and his wife Debra, traveled throughout our

District, enjoying the fall colors, our lighthouses and other sightseeing, and of course, lobsters – which they insisted on describing as "crawfish on steroids."

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Ethics Are Important To All Rotarians - Promote The 4-Way Test Contest Today

Posted by Mary Rennie

Don't miss out on your club participating in this year's districtwide 4-way test essay and speaking contest. Contact your local high school today. Volunteer

to talk to students in classrooms about the importance of ethics and promote our 4-way test contest. Remember, any high school student, grades 9-12 in a town/city represented by a Rotary Club in District 7780 are eligible whether public, private or home-schooled. This year the contest will be held in the spring of 2013 prior to District Conference. (tentative date April 8th for districtwide competition & again top winner(s) to recite winning essay at district conference.)

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'What is Rotary' Playing Now At Our Theaters, On Our Websites and Facebook Pages Posted by Penny Jetl. District 7780 Page 4 of 9



At the recent Membership Seminar, clubs that have marked long-term membership growth from July 2008 to July 2012 were honored. Five clubs have marked 30% growth over that time. They are:

Exeter, 33 to 43 members

Breakwater Daybreak, 13 to 17 members

Bridgton Lake, 24 to 32 members

Boothbay Harbor, 44 to 59 members

River Valley (Rumford Area) 25 to 34 members

Congratulations to the one club in our district with a growth of 40% over five years since July 2008:

Freeport, 25 to 35 members

District 7780 Leadership Opportunities



In the past we have held discussions titled "So you think you would like to be District Governor" with great success. This year we would like to expand on this and ask Club Presidents to invite not only those members that would make good Governor Candidates, but any members that would like to serve our Rotary District in the many positions needed.

We will have 2 panel discussions, one for those interested in serving as District Governor led by a panel of Past Governors, and one for those interested in serving in other capacities led



Our promotional spot has hit the street and is currently playing in theaters throughout the district in Newington, Brunswick, Falmouth, Saco, South Portland, Westbrook and Wells. Several theaters are playing spots up until November 8th (Newington, Brunswick, Falmouth)

while the others will cease playing on October 18th. Take advantage of this media blitz being funded by this year's District PR Grant and capitalize on the momentum. Upload the spot on all of your club websites and facebook pages. It is easy and only takes a minute!

Read more...



District Service Tour to Guatemala - Will You Join Us? Posted by Carolyn Johnson

There are multiple clubs in our district who support projects in Guatemala that address issues of literacy, clean water, and health. Would you be interested in

traveling with Rotarians from our district to visit these projects, observing first-hand the need and the results of these initiatives? This is the opportunity for you! DG Marty Helman and DGE Carolyn Johnson are planning and will host a week-long tour to Guatemala to visit projects supported by our clubs and district. Dates for the tour are April 13-20, 2013.

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Could You Give Me A Hand? Pested by Carolyn Johnson

Most of us, I think, naturally shy away from asking for help. We want to be competent, strong, and independent. We can do it all! Or at least that's how we want to appear

to those around us. As Rotarians, we continually seek ways to offer help to provide service, but we are not very good about asking for help.

I've learned a good lesson in the last weeks. Early in September I had surgery on my hand. This resulted in having a very large (and awkward!) cast which meant that I couldn't drive, couldn't carry things (didn't know what a challenge it is to push a grocery cart with one hand), and discover each day how difficult it is to do ordinary things - like cutting your food, buttoning a button, keyboarding! - with one hand. Friends have been wonderful in offering to help. It has been wonderful, as well, in experiencing how many strangers have offered help - to carry my groceries or reach things off shelves. Even with offers of help, what was my immediate response? Thanks, I can do it. Well, as this has gone on, I've found out that people really do want to help and it's a whole lot faster and easier for someone to give me a hand than for to struggle in silence.

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Bylaws Committee Working Hard Posted by Frank Helman

The District Bylaws Committee has been working over the summer towards the objective of presenting proposed

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by Rotarians who have served on District Committees and Offices. Then we will have an open discussion session for general questions, unanswered questions and answers.

When: Saturday, November 10th -9:00 a.m. - Noon

Where: Cape Elizabeth Town Hall

Cost: Free of Charge

Meeting Venue Changes



Hampton Rotary Club Old Salt Restaurant 490 Lafayette Rd Hampton

Exeter Rotary Club (as of 10/15th) Exeter Country Club 58 Jady Hill Ave Exeter

District 7780 Trivia



This month's District History trivia question

Who is the only District Secretary that has also served as a District 7780 Governor?

If you can find the answer in the District Website's Yearbook page, District Yearbook send it to Marie Williams at mawilliamspdg@comcast.n revisions for action at the District Conference in May. Our goal is to make draft changes available to the clubs for review and discussion well in advance; by the time the Conference rolls around, we hope to have addressed the concerns of our members to the greatest extent possible so that non-controversial provisions can be enacted promptly, and discussion of items on which there is disagreement can focus on the primary issues. The committee is proceeding in three stages:

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And Ege Makes Four! Posted by Dru Laduke

The team of Inbound Youth Exchange for Rotary District 7780 is complete! Marta arrived first, Marion and Pedro followed and just one week ago, Ege from Turkey arrived, just in time to attend Orientation with Rotary District 7790 (our northern brothers and sisters). The student team

consists of Marta from Spain/RD 2203 hosted by the Rotary Club of Freeport, Marion from RD 1640 hosted by the Rotary Club of Yarmouth, Pedro from Brazil/RD 4650 hosted by the Rotary Club of Falmouth and Ege from Turkey/RD 2430, the second student hosted by the Rotary Club of Yarmouth.

Read more.



Join Us As We Walk for Peace on Columbus Day Weekend Posted by Penny Jett

The Rotary District is sponsoring a Columbus Weekend "Walk for Peace" in Scarborough, Maine. Organizer and Saco Bay Rotarian Dru Laduke is looking for hundreds of Rotarians, Interactors, family and like-minded citizens to join in walking 100 kilometers (or any portion thereof — including

just a block or two!) on Saturday, October 6 through Monday, October 8.

The walkers will travel the 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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Why Would You Want to Attend an International Convention? For the Rotary Fellowship, For One Thing! Posted by Carolyn Johnson

This year, Rotarians from all over the world will meet in Lisbon, Portugal from June 23-26 for fellowship, a better understanding of the international scope of Rotary, and a

lot of fun. If you've been to a conference, you know the energy and the passion of the people you meet - all good Rotarians wanting to make the world a better place. You remember the inspiring speakers: notables such as Bill Gates, Queen Noor, and Dolly Parton. And you remember "ordinary" Rotarians passionately relating their experiences with Rotary - how the Rotary community came together after Hurricane Katrina, how Rotarians are changing lives in Africa by providing clean water, and how Rotarians are working to give young gang members in South America an alternative path to life.

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The answer will be in next month's news bulletin along with the name of the first person to give her the correct answer along with their club name.

Click here for last month's answer Trivia Questions & Answers

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 various Rotary programs, projects, our Foundation and so much more. Read more.



You're Never Too Young for Rotary Posted by Pegny Jeff

What do Mody Botros of Bridgton Lake, Mary Rennie of Fryeburg and Kevin Raymond of York have in common? Each of these committed Rotarians is working to start a service club in the middle school in their region! The clubs

- whether called Interact or Early Act (as is the existing youth program at Sanford Middle School, led by adviser Elias Thomas) is invaluable in introducing the concept of community service to kids at that impressionable, middle school age -- and when the young people enter high school, they are already experienced Interactors.

Read more.



So What Does An Angel Look Like? Posted by Dru Laduke

An angel looks just like Rachel Huard from Orthopedic Associates who has been a supporter of the Crutches For Africa program for years. Every other week she makes a phone call to a local Rotarian to "clean out the box" where

unwanted crutches, canes, walkers and even wheel chairs are donated at OA's Portland for the C4A program.

"I love David's (Talbot) sense of adventure. It must be so fulfilling to do such great work for people who really need it." Rachel says. "I hope I can go with him someday." Rachel's quick to educate her fellow staff members and all of OA's patients who would normally just throw away their mobility devices once they recover from their injuries.

Read more.



You Can Be Part of the Legacy of Polio Eradication at the Front Line Posted by Penny Jett

This holiday season share your time with the children of Nigeria and find a new way to 'Give Thanks'. National Immunization Days in Nigeria, known as Immunization

Plus Days (IPDs) - Oral polio vaccine (OPV) will be delivered to interrup wild polio virus transmission among children less than five years of age. Vitamin A supplements, an immune system booster, will also be administered orally by volunteers.

The NID to Nigeria (team consisting of 20 members, led by Team Leader Ann Lee Hussey) will depart November 26th and finish up on December 6th. Team members will administer oral polio drops and give Vitamin A supplements during the trip.

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District 7780 Matching Grant Projects - Dominican Republic, China, Nigeria Posted by Mary Tennant

District 7780 Rotary Clubs are off to a great start this year! The Portland Rotary Club, assisted by the Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak, has filed a matching grant application that will provide hearing aids, LN-4 prosthetic hands, and District 7780 Page 7 of 9

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.

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 water filters for people in the Dominican Republic. Additionally, local Rotarians will travel to the Dominican Republic to implement the project. Two District 7780 Rotary Clubs – Casco Bay Sunrise and Brunswick Coastal – supplemented by District Designated Funds, will be supporting a matching grant project filed by District 3450. The project will provide water at six schools in Shaanxi Province, China, a rural, and region of the country.

Read more.



Nigeria: The Other Major Polio Eradication Challenge Posted by Ted Trainer

As of 11 September there have been 131 new polio cases reported in the world in 2012, with 84 of these from Nigeria. Nigeria is also the only polio endemic country

with the Type 2 wild virus still in circulation. Furthermore, the continued transmission of the wild virus in seven of Nigeria's northern states facilitate the spread of the virus to multitudes of nomads and other migrating groups based in surrounding countries. Chad is one of these – the last remaining non-endemic country to report wild polio this year (5 cases).

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New Literacy Project for Clubs Posted by Mary Rennie

An exciting new Literacy Project for 2012-13 is "Josh the Otter" Water Safety & Literacy. Did you know the number one cause of death for 1 to 4 year olds is drowning? "We tell our children to look both ways for cars, don't touch the stove, it's hot, and hold on to the handrail!"

We always think we will be with them when they are around water, but there are times when we may not. Such was the case of Joshua Collingsworth, a two and a half year old who slipped out of sight of his parents and was found in the backyard pool just minutes later unconscious. He passed away 3 days later due to complications from drowning.

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Club News

Boothbay Harbor Rotary Celebrates Hometown Heroes

Sep 20, 2012

by Penny Jett

Hometown Heroes is Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club's response to 9/11: They invite all of their local First Responders — police, fire, EMT, communications, Coast Guard regulars and reserves, and Red Cross — plus their families for an indoor picnic of burgers and dogs. This year responders brought their fire and rescue trucks, ambulances, boats and gear to bring awareness to the supporters attending the event. The venue was the American Legion Hall. Children were invited to learn and play. It was a great evening of fun and support.

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 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



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Bridgton-Lake Region Rotarians & Interactors Make a Difference Sep 20, 2012 by Penny Jett

It all started for our club back in 2009, when Wilfreid Plalum had been invited to our club as a program speaker. Mr Plalum is a native Sudanese, and he is the founder of the Sudan Youth Foundation, in Portland, Maine.

The presentation had inspired our members, and motivated many to do something. The needs in this region were great in many areas, but mostly "water". Digging a well in Juba, Sudan wasn't the challenge as many of the villagers could do the labor, and use ancient techniques to get to the deep water underground. The challenge was to power the well with an electric pump to access the water. As the Rotary year emerged in 2010, the club had decided to buy a generator for Juba, and it made it this much easier having the Foundation located in Portland.

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Sanford-Springvale Rotary & Community Promote Geography Literacy Sep 20, 2012

by Penny Jett

What a country!" Rotarians and St Thomas School families paint a map of the United States - read what was reported in the Sanford News below:

"On September 1st, the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club teamed up with students, parents and Principal Donna Jacques to paint a map of the U.S. on St. Thomas School's playground. The St.Thomas School will use the map for geography lessons and games in the new academic year."

Congratulations Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club for a great 'Community Service Literacy Project'!

Read more...

What's Happening in York Rotary Sep 20, 2012 by Penny Jett

In October the York club will be working on the Cross Country & Nature Trails for which they received the District Simplified Grant. We'll be doing the Library Clean-up with our YHS Interact club and launching our Middle School Interact Club. It's also Harvestfest, where we will be drawing the lucky winner of our Car Raffle on October 14. Any Rotarians wishing to help us out with the purchase of a ticket please visit our club website: www.yorkmerotary.org

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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

Bridgton-Lake Region Interactors Denounce Bullying Sep 21, 2012 by Penny Jett

The Celebration of Arts Education was held recently at the Blaine House and Department of Education recognizing the outstanding arts education programs at Lake Region School District. Members of the Bridgton-Lake Region Interact Club performed. Christian Martin wrote an anti-bullying song called "Stand Up" for last spring's Interact dance/mixer. This was performed at the Reception by Christian, Guitar/Vocal, grade 7, Max Evans, Drums/Vocal, grade 9 and Ella Forbes, Bass, Grade 8. Ella's mother is Julie Forbes, also a member of Bridgton's Rotary Club.

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