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Be Part of the District Service Day at Camp Sunshine

The date: Saturday, Sept 14

The time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The place: Camp Sunshine, Casco, Maine

The purpose: Service/Family Workday

The result: Rotary fellowship and fun

All Rotarians and their families are invited to participate in the District 7780 Day of Service. We will meet at Camp

2014 International Convention - Sydney

Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014

A Family Affair



PDG Elias Thomas and daughter Heather (president-elect) of Sanford-Springvale are assisted by DG Carolyn Johnson and PDG Peter frying up chicken livers at the Acton Fair. A fair tradition - and one of the club's largest fundraisers, it requires the help and support of the full club. Nearly perfect weather over the weekend guaranteed record sales that translate into more service in the community.

Sunshine to help with a large landscape and grounds improvement project.

Registration and a light breakfast will begin at 8:30. We will then spread out in groups to plant, transplant, weed, and clean up the grounds - all organized by Durham-Great Bay Rotary and Camp Sunshine staff. At 2:00, we'll gather to enjoy a BBQ lunch hosted by Sebago Lake Rotarians.

Be sure to sign up on the District website so we can plan meals!

District 7780 invites you and your family to join us on
September 14, 2013 for

Rotary Family Service Day at



A retreat for children with life threatening illnesses and their families

35 Acadia Road, Casco ME

Join us for a day of volunteering at Camp Sunshine, where we will be gardening, planting, and cleaning up for the organization!



Equipment and lunch will be provided

For more information please visit
www.rotary7780.org



New Website



Membership Matters

Sometimes, when we talk about enhancing our club's membership, it's easy to overlook the obvious - things each of us can do (should do!), "best practices" that perhaps our club used to do, but has lately let slip. Here is a list of reminders, simple things each Rotarian can do to support membership development:

- o Wear your Rotary pin, and put a Rotary decal in your car window.
- o Practice your response to "What is Rotary?"
- o Share your "Rotary story," a moment when you felt especially proud to be a Rotarian.
- o Invite a guest to attend a meeting with you to hear an interesting speaker.

Goodbye, old Rotary website; hello brand-new Rotary International website!

It's been several years in the making, and the brand-new www.rotary.org debuted this week! Check it out, and be sure to log onto My Rotary (button on the top of the screen) to make the website work best for you.

It Started Here!



Friends Forever, the exchange program now in its 27th year that brings together Protestant and Catholic youth from Northern Ireland -- and which has recently expanded to bring together Jewish and Palestinian youth from Jerusalem -- has grown from its District 7780 roots to the Gulf Coast, Florida and beyond. But it all started right here as a project of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth!

RLI Calendar



It's time to think about attending a fall Rotary Leadership Institute program. They will take place:

Saturday, Oct. 19: Lewiston-Auburn College, Lewiston, ME

Saturday, Nov. 9: Rutland Stafford

- Make a point to get to know new members or members you don't know well.
- Invite a newer member to carpool with you to a club project or district event.

The following is a checklist of simple things your club can do to attract and engage members. How many are in place in your club? Which one will you help put in place?

- ✓ Have an up-to-date club brochure and make sure it is given out to speakers, guests, participants in fundraisers and service projects.
- ✓ Identify a membership committee for your club to oversee your club's goals and provide leadership to engage and attract members.
- ✓ Identify a public image team maintains a current, vibrant image of Rotary through traditional and social media.
- ✓ Plan new member inductions that are purposeful and special.
- ✓ Assign a mentor to each new member, someone (not necessarily the sponsor) who answers questions and invites the member to get involved and engaged.
- ✓ Conduct a member satisfaction survey. Find out what members like and what your club might do differently - and act on it!
- ✓ Objectively critique your meetings. Are they interesting, informative, punctual, worthwhile? Be sure members have a reason to make the time to attend meetings.
- ✓ Acknowledge members' contributions to the club - their participation, involvement, support.

--District Governor Carolyn Johnson

Get Involved

District Membership Seminar

SAVE THE DATE

Date: Friday afternoon, October 4

Place the Regatta Room, Eliot, Maine

Keynote Speaker: Brad Howard

Topic: Rethinking Membership Strategies.

Brad Howard is a past district governor and popular Rotary speaker from California. Current presidents will remember him from his cogent talk at last spring's PETS training, when he talked about how we can all benefit from our membership in Rotary.

Technical Center, Rutland, VT.

FMI and to register, go to www.rlinea.org! You'll be glad you did.

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South Berwick- Eliot Rotarians will be serving up serving up breakfast goodies at the Pumpkinman Sprint Triathlon at Spring Hill, South Berwick, on Saturday, September 7. Everyone -- whether you are competing in the triathlon or just spectating -- is invited to stop by their booth for great food and beverages, and know that the proceeds will go toward the club's scholarship fund.

Brunswick Coastal is holding a Fall Feast that will feature appetizers and desserts from local restaurants, cooks, and club members. Area musicians will perform, and we will have a silent auction. Proceeds from this event will support Midcoast Hunger Prevention as well as Rotary hunger projects worldwide! It will take place Saturday, September 14 at Cram Alumni House, 83 Federal St, Brunswick, beginning at 6:00 p.m.. \$15 for adults, \$25 for a couple, and \$9 for children under 12.

Portland and South Portland Sunrise clubs are hosting Hola Republica Dominicana! at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland on Friday, Sept. 20, to raise funds to support scholarships for healthcare providers in the Dominican Republic, and scholarships for international and multi-cultural students who attend SMCC. This Dominican Cultural Festival and Benefit Concert will include the documentary, *Price of Sugar*, as well as presentations on healthcare initiatives in the DR and a concert by a 24-member Dominican band. Go to www.breakwater-rotary.org for more information or to volunteer at the event itself.

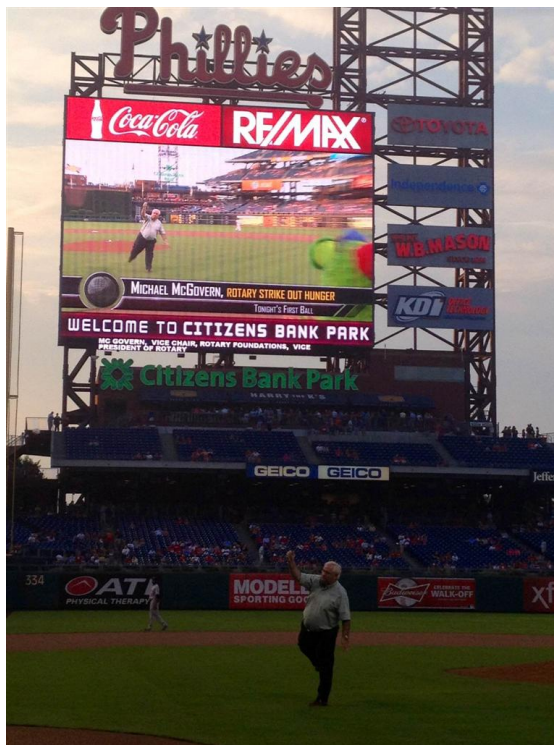
Want to give blood but don't know the schedule? Portland Sunrise is staffing a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 20 at the Portland Blood Center, 524 Forest Avenue, from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Stop off on your way to work!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21! The Exeter club will be set up by the bandstand in downtown Exeter selling apples, cider, pies and crisp for our Annual Scholarship Fundraiser!

What's Happening

Foundation Vice-Chair McGovern Throws out First Pitch at Phillies Game

Posted by Nancy Hawes on Aug 23, 2013



Strike-Out Hunger Night is an annual event at a Philadelphia Phillies baseball game, and it generates food donations for local food banks and raises funds for PolioPlus. Seven Rotary districts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware participate in the event, which has raised over \$825,000 to help eradicate polio. This year's game on Thursday August 22, against the Colorado Rockies, featured a walk-off single in the ninth inning to give Philadelphia the 5-4 win. More important, it featured a first pitch thrown out by our District's own Mike McGovern, representing The Rotary Foundation. Check out the video below and see how Ace McGovern threw a lob to the Philly Phanatic mascot. Congratulations, Mike!

Video below.

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John recommends that clubs refer to the district website for the kinds of projects that may be funded. Some important considerations include projects that are new, innovative, sustainable, and include direct Rotarian involvement. Projects that provide any personal compensation, or which supplant or replace governmental funding are not eligible. Given the competitive nature of these grants, even good applications might not be fully funded as the amount remaining -- \$7300 -- is relatively modest. Questions? atwood@midcoast.com.

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Are you interested in traveling with Kerstin? The trip will be from November 6 to November 18, and the reward will be the opportunity to develop a lasting reading program in Nigeria.

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"My thought is that the University of Maine COoperative Extension Service could be a great resource for the Rotary Vocational Training Team, and there are several non-profit agencies that operate agricultural programs in other areas of Latin America that might service as models," Lawrence says. If the possibilities and the opportunity to help develop this project excite you, contact Lawrence with your ideas: lburbish@mac.com; 207-490-6840.

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Trip Dates: October 15 – 24, 2013

Travel to: Lomé, Togo, West Africa

Per Person Price: \$1,689, double occupancy (does not include air fare)

Program includes: Hotel accommodations, transfers, most meals, polio immunization event, hands-on community service field work, West Africa Project Fair registration, special Rotary and fellowship events, sightseeing, etc.

For more information, contact:

Bradford R. Howard, PDG

North American Coordinator

West Africa Project Fair Committee

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E-mail: Rotary@HowardTours.net

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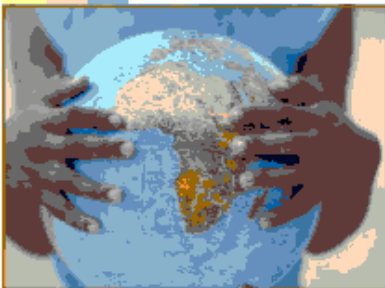
(Round trip airfare not included.
To be to be offered separately September 2013)

This week-long trip is a hands-on experience in polio eradication, community service, friendships and learning how to support the Rotary projects of West Africa.

We travel to a rural community to participate in a polio eradicating exercise. This day will be a landmark event in your Rotary experience. It also may be your last chance to give two drops of the polio vaccine to a child.

We work a local school, supported by local Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation, in a **hands-on community service project.** It will be a day of accomplishment and satisfaction.

We attend The West Africa Project Fair, which showcases Rotary projects from 15 West African nations. It will be a time to learn, experience and see how you and your club can be a part of "Doing Good" in Africa.



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