



# District 7780 Newsletter



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## Mark Your Calendar

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[Vision to Plan Workshop](#)

DiMillo's Restaurant

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Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA

Sep 28, 2013 08:30 AM - 09:30 PM

[Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

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Jan 27, 2014

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[Northeast PETS training](#)

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Mar 09, 2014 - Mar 23, 2014

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Apr 12, 2014 08:00 AM - 02:00 PM

[2014 District Conference](#)

May 16, 2014 - May 17, 2014

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Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014

## Broadcast Your News!



Do you have an upcoming club service project, fundraiser or fellowship event you

would like to publicize? Good news or promising practices in your club that you would like to share? If you are working on a project and need expertise (or just more hands), share when, where, and how with your neighboring clubs. If your club is planning a grant, invite other clubs to get involved. Here's how: Send your news items (and photos if available) to Marty Helman [martyrotary@gmail.com](mailto:martyrotary@gmail.com) by



## Engage Rotary, Change Lives

As we mark the beginning of a new Rotary year and look forward to new opportunities for service, it is time to pause and reflect on the accomplishments of our clubs and acknowledge the leadership that enabled our successes. Without club and district leaders promoting engagement in service, Rotary would merely be a social organization, a place to meet friends and business acquaintances but lacking importance and a sense of purpose.

Rotary's system of annual transitions underscores that our leaders must think as stewards of the organization. Each has one short year to turn the wheel forward, then step aside for another to take their turn. I am fortunate that my turn as steward of District 7780 begins with a district that has enjoyed the benefits of strong, able leadership. Under Governor Marty's leadership, Rotary wheels have turned -- a frugal feast, buses stuffed to help the hungry, an exchange to meet new Rotary friends in New Orleans, welcoming Nigerian educators and securing a grant to help their schools, celebrating our own longest-serving Rotarians. Our wheels are turn strongly, interconnected, as a well-oiled machine. Marty has been a good steward for our District, a good leader, and a good friend. She turns over a strong and sound District.

How will our Rotary wheel turn in the coming year? Our continued emphasis will be working together and making Rotary accessible and meaningful. We will create opportunities for families to be involved in Rotary - beginning with a District work day at Camp Sunshine (September 14). There will be an innovative cultural exchange -- blending the good work of of Friends Forever and Rotarians with musical talent. Getting involved, working in partnerships, sharing our passion for Rotary service, using our time to make a difference. A year goes by quickly and there is so much for our wheels to accomplish. I invite you to be a part of the adventure, to keep your Rotary wheel engaged and turning strongly so that we know through engagement and service, we will change lives for the better.

Friday of every week for publication early the next week.

And don't forget to share photos of club activities and celebrations on Facebook! "Like" the District at [www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7780](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7780) to keep up on all the news!



## District Directory



The 2013-14 District Directory is at the printer and we expect it back in just a few days -- it will be distributed by your Assistant Governor

toward the middle of July! Stay tuned!

## Speakers Bureau



Looking for new program speaker ideas? Our district team members are prepared 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 the 'Rotary Speakers Bureau' site page.

[Speakers Bureau Page](#)

## Welcome New Rotarians

Congratulations to our newest members, who have joined our organization since May:



*Bath* : Michelle Nickles  
*Exeter:* Philip  
*Chura*  
*Hampton* : David  
*Considine, James Carrigan*  
*Kennebunk* :

--Carolyn Johnson, District Governor 2013-14

## Things To Do

### Raise a Flag to Honor a Veteran



Every night at 6:00 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day, a group of volunteers honor deceased veterans at Veterans Memorial Park in Old Orchard Beach with a flag raising ceremony. There is no cost or residency requirement to family members or friends who request a night for their loved one. Additional information,

including a calendar of available dates, and a video of an actual ceremony along with a WCSH-TV report can be found at <http://oobmemorialflagraising.com>. (Posted by Dennis Robillard).

### Visit Leadership Program for Middle Schoolers

QUEST, a camp-based leadership program for junior teens created by Rotarians in New Hampshire, was introduced at the recent District Conference as a way to increase club membership and visibility, serve the community, and have a great time helping kids.



If you would like to see QUEST in action, you are invited to come and observe any Tuesday through Thursday during the month of May at Franklyn Pierce University in Rindge, NH. (FMI: Tonya Albee: 603-924-0440)

## District News



### District Foundation Giving Exceeds \$101 Per Capita

Posted by Martha Helman on Jun 29, 2013

District 7780's donations to the Annual Giving Fund of The Rotary Foundation will exceed \$179,000 when 2012-13 numbers are finalized. This figure is \$30,000 and 20 percent higher than the totals achieved in each of the past three years, and represents a huge commitment on the part of Rotarians throughout the District. Moreover, the per capita figure is \$101, which means we have met the \$100 per person giving mark for the first time in the District's history! As a result of this generosity, people we may never meet will benefit greatly from Rotary Foundation grants and programs, and our District's ability to determine how the monies will be spent will also be enhanced.

Kenneth Anderson, Laurie Jones, Patricia Musser (transfer from Damariscotta-Newcastle)  
*Ogunquit:*  
 Melanie Tromblee, Anne Lynch  
*Portland:*  
 Franklin Robbins, Suzanne Umland  
*Portsmouth:*  
 Richard Claytor  
*Rochester* :  
 Kimberly Lindquist, Ryland Nimocks  
*Saco Bay:* Israel  
 Collins  
*South*  
*Portland*  
*Sunrise* : Manuekka  
 Janosik

Check out the link to our website for a complete list of members inducted throughout the year. [Member Milestones](#)



### You Can Put a Smile on a Child's Face!

Posted by Martha Helman on Jun 30, 2013

How would you like to help change a child's life? The District Rotaplast committee is initiating a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to support a mission to Retalhuleu, Guatemala, March 9-23, 2014. This will be a trailblazing effort to use Rotary Foundation funds to provide free reconstructive surgeries for more than 100 children who now live in the shadows with cleft lip or palate anomaly. We hope to have both medical and non-medical volunteers from our Rotary District on the team. Please visit [www.Rotaplast.org](http://www.Rotaplast.org) to review specific volunteer opportunities and to download an application.

[Read more...](#)



### "End Polio Now" Rotary Team Participates in Trek Across Maine

Posted by Martha Helman on Jun 10, 2013

Eight team members proudly wear their 'End Polio Now' cycling gear to participate in the June Trek Across Maine from Sunday River to Belfast. This three-day, 180-mile event is sponsored by the American Lung Association, and is held each year over Father's Day weekend. Rotarians from our District and beyond participate to enjoy the fellowship, beautiful scenery, fantastic volunteer support along the route, health and fitness benefits. Friends and family members of Rotary are welcome to join the 'End Polio Now' team in 2014 to promote awareness of our efforts to eradicate polio.

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### Rochester Honored for Field of Dreams PProject

Posted by Martha Helman on Jun 10, 2013

The Rochester Club received Rotary International's Significant Achievement Award for the \$500,000 "Buddy Ball" baseball field they have built over the last three years. The project, designed to honor former club president Howie Seckendorf and create a baseball diamond that all kids can play on, no matter their physical or mental disability, was inaugurated with a game the first Saturday in June. Later in the month, Marty Helman and past RI director Ken Grabeau were on hand to present the award, which has previously been won by Westbrook-Gorham, for their house project, and the Wells club, for their gazebo. Well done, Rochester!

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