



Rotary District 7780

Carolyn Johnson, District Governor December 30, 2013



Sebago Lake Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Sebago Lake Rotary posed for the picture above and celebrated its anniversary last week with a cocktail party and loads of memories from the nine past presidents in attendance, plus a few former and future governors. Old-timers remembered the club's critical role to bring Rotary to Romania in the early '90s, and more recent work in coordination with the local food pantry to feed neighbors here at home. Interestingly, the club has met (almost) continually in the same restaurant, which has changed its name and its menu at least three times over the years! Most of all, there was much conversation and laughter about the club's signature fundraiser, the ice fishing derby (plan for it coming up on February 15 this year)!

District Makes a Difference in Philippines Relief

Congratulations to District 7780 for the incredible support given to our Rotary Partner, ShelterBox. The District response to the disaster caused by Typhoon Haiyan, the largest and most devastating hurricane on record, has been tremendous. To date the District has provided over \$23,000, which will benefit up to 30 families, according to ShelterBox USA staff. A total of 1700 Boxes have been delivered and tents erected, and the total number of Boxes is expected to reach 7800 by the end of February, 2014.



Photo Taken During Portland's Service Trip Featured in *Rotarian* Magazine

Congratulations to John Curran of the **Portland Club**, whose photo of a little girl in the Dominican Republic runs across two pages (pp 20-21) in the January 2014 issue of the *Rotarian* magazine. John took the photo during the club's service trip to bring water, prosthetic hands and hearing aids to the community last year. Portland Rotary is planning a follow-up service trip this April. If you have a winning photo taken during a Rotary event (either at home or abroad), consider entering it in Rotary International's annual photo contest, going on now. Rules and instructions are available at www.rotary.org

Save the Date!

Monday, January 27 — Mid Year Leadership Dinner for all current presidents, presidents elect and vice presidents. Come meet your classmates and plan for "your" year. 5:00 p.m., Fireside Inn in Westbrook, ME, \$32 pp.

Sat, February 22 — Frugal Feast to celebrate World Understanding and Peace day, Woodfords Congregational Church, Portland.

Thursday-Saturday, March 6-8 — Presidents-elect Training (PETS) in Framingham, MA. Speakers include RI vice president Anne Matthews, and our own TRF vice chair Mike McGovern.

Saturday, April 12 — District Assembly, Westbrook Middle School, 8:00—2:00. Training and planning for the new Rotary year to come.

Friday-Saturday, May 16-17 — District Conference 2014 in Portland. Westin Hotel (formerly the Eastland).