



Rotary District 7780

February 3, 2014

Carolyn Johnson, District Governor

Marge Barker Nominated for Governor, 2016-17

The District Nominating Committee, chaired by PDG Brad Jett, is pleased to announce that Marge Barker, from **South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary**, was selected to be our district's Governor Nominee Designee. The Nominating Committee also selected Bob Ferguson, from **Sanford-Springvale**, for a three-year term on the District Budget and Finance Committee.

Marjorie (Marge) Barker joined Rotary in November of 2006. She was President of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth during its 50th Anniversary Year (2011-12) and is currently serving as Assistant Governor and as District RLI Chair. Marge joined the faculty of RLI last year and will be a facilitator at the 2014 Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS).

Marge is a Paul Harris recipient. She traveled twice to Honduras to work with youth from Cape Elizabeth High School and Rotarians from her club on water projects and helped deliver polio vaccinations to in Ethiopia. Marge participated in the Friendship Exchange to New Orleans and the District Service Trip to Guatemala in 2013.

She is the past president of a non-profit organization she started - Friends of Kayanet Education Center in Kenya -- where she helped build a preschool.

Marge retired from TD Bank as a Vice President in January 2014 where she worked for over 25 years. She started her career as a banker with Junior Achievement when she was 12 years old and has not looked back since. Marge received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with honors (2011) and MBA (December 2013) from Husson University.

Bob Ferguson is a 50-year **Sanford-Springvale** Rotarian who has served his club as President and as Secretary. He has served on numerous non-profit boards and he is active in the law firm, Ferguson and Johnson, PA, which he serves as president.

The District Nominating Committee thanks all who expressed interest in serving the District and went through the selection process. Ours is a volunteer organization, and it takes a willingness from all to be engaged in leadership roles so that our clubs and our district are successful.

Kittery After-Hours Extends Reach of Rotary in District

Want to meet our District's newest Rotarians? **Kittery After-Hours** meets every Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. at Warren's Lobster House -- 11 Water Street in Kittery -- for a drink and appetizers. The meeting is informal, the feeling is camaraderie and fellowship, and already the club is engaged in fundraisers and service projects. The club is "provisional", which means it isn't yet chartered, but that will come in due course. Meanwhile, drop by to meet the Kittery After-Hours Rotarians! Of course, the morning **Kittery Rotary** continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 (Kittery Estates, 220 State Road, Kittery)



District Leadership:

Our current (2013-14) Governor is Carolyn Johnson (Yarmouth). Continuity and collaboration is critical to our clubs' and district's success. District 7780's next governors are:

2014-15: Lawrence Furbish, Sanford-Springvale

2015-16: Sheila Rollins, Bridgton-Lake Region.

2016-17: Marge Barker, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth.



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Hunger in our Region is Real ...

Saturday, February 22 will be our 2nd Annual District “**Stuff the Bus.**” Each club is encouraged to be engaged in supporting your local food pantry with contributions of food or funds. Raise awareness in your own community of how Rotarians are engaged and help change lives!

World Understanding & Peace Dinner A Frugal Feast

Saturday evening, Feb 22
5:00 P.M.

Woodfords Church, Portland,
(catered by A Fine Kettle of Fish)

Speakers will discuss issues and means to address food insecurity in our own communities. Ann Lee Hussey will update us on progress related to polio.

Cost: \$25 (includes a donation to The Rotary Foundation)

Registration is on the district website.

Come for fellowship and to celebrate the good Rotarians do locally and internationally.

Grants Management & Foundation Seminars

All clubs must participate annually in a Foundation Grants Management Seminar. Two members of each club must attend in order for your club to be eligible to participate in Foundation Grants (locally or internationally): president-elect and foundation chair are strongly recommended to attend and all Rotarians are welcome. Become more familiar with the stewardship aspects of grants management as well as some practical realities and enthusiasm for the good work we do around the world.

Three sessions are scheduled, Rotarians may attend any one of the three. Cost is \$10 per person which includes a light meal and program. Register on the District website.

- Wednesday, March 12, 5 – 8:30 PM. Portsmouth NH Country club
- Saturday, March 29, 8 – 11:30 AM. Westbrook ME Middle School cafeteria
- Thursday, April 3, 5 – 8:30 PM. Topsham ME Red Cross (16 Community Way)

South Berwick Geo Quiz

Mike Maloney from the **York Club**, and serving as Quiz Master, reads a question to a Geo Quiz Team to help raise funds for the Eben Ezer School in Milot, Haiti. The event is sponsored by **South Berwick-Eliot Rotary**.



Record Donation Celebrated at Winterfest

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary partnered with the South Portland Parks and Recreation Department to sponsor Winterfest for the second year. The goal was an annual event that will engage families in fun, healthy outdoor activities and include the business community as well. This event also brought a tremendous amount of community outreach – Rotarians partnered with the City of South Portland, worked closely with its Interact club and numerous local non-profits. In all, over 50 local businesses supported Winterfest. The centerpiece was the brand new ice rink, funded by a \$15,000 donation from Port Harbor Marine, generated by the SPCE Rotary Club.

Kittery Serves Up Inaugural Pizza Bowl

Kittery held its first annual Pizza Bowl at the R.W.Traip Academy late last month. President-Elect Andy Glazier and Pam Gray took the lead and modeled the event after the highly successful event put on by the **Hampton Club** for a number of years. With the support of the Traip class of 2015 and eight local businesses, the club found we had a great family friendly and fun new fundraising project.

