



# Rotary District 7780

Carolyn Johnson, Governor

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## June is Rotary Fellowships Month!

That's right - Fellowships. With an "s" One of the best part about Rotary is the fellowship: sharing a bond with members of our club, making friends with Rotarians from across the district - even around the world - with the goal of service. Gathering for a club meeting to learn about a need in our community, enjoying a social evening with Rotarians and spouses, organizing a family fun day to welcome children and grandchildren and a few youth exchange students and Interactors sprinkled in. Indeed, the objective of Rotary is "the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service" is Rotary fellowship.

But we designate June as Rotary *Fellowships* month. Within Rotary, groups exist to connect Rotarians who share common interests. Some are social or hobby oriented - such as the fellowship for musicians, magicians, chess players, antique auto buffs - there is even a group for beer and another one for those appreciative of wine! Other fellowships appeal to the athletes among us - golfers, cyclers, anglers and birdwatchers, bowlers, and runners - to mention a few. And still other fellowships unite lawyers, photographers, doctors and diplomats - Rotarians who share a myriad of vocational backgrounds. There is even a fellowship for traveling Rotarians interested in swapping home stays!

There is a world of opportunity, within Rotary, to meet others with similar interests. Fellowships each have their own websites, organizational structures, and international membership. They can be a source of information and a source for developing Rotarian acquaintances. Take a few minutes to find out about a fellowship connected to one of your interests - and tell others about what you find out! You may just find a new friend and learn about another part of the world - or you may find a Rotarian in the club next door who shares the same passions as you.

Engage in good Rotarian fellowship - and see if a Rotary Fellowship might expand your horizons!

[\[pdf\] Rotary Fellowships Directory](#)

*DG Carolyn*



**Four Way Test Video Winners**  
Kennebunk High Interactors with  
Advisor Sue Massey, President-elect  
Bob Mackenzie, and DG Carolyn

## What can we spend for future projects and grants?

That depends on us! Has your club received a Community Grant? Interested in a new international project and would like financial support to research it? Is there a Global Grant that you want to start? The resources available to us for projects such as these are directly related to our annual giving to the Rotary Foundation. As we approach the end of this Rotary year, be sure you have supported our Foundation. If you have made a donation - thank you! Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation are what support local community grants and those big international projects. Our clubs have provided books for schools, reliable water sources, medical supplies, and community gardens. It was through Foundation resources that our team of musicians traveled to Uganda and a team of youth will visit our district in the fall to study conflict resolution. Have you contributed this year to The Rotary Foundation? Consider making your gift today!



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## And Speaking of Fellowship...

Bridgton Lake Region Rotary hosted a highly successful fellowship last week. The idea is to hold an “after hours” social on 5th Thursday of a month - to replace a regular club meeting and welcome family, friends, and prospective members. From the great attendance to the lively conversation - yes, much of it about Rotary possibilities - the evening proved to be a successful social alternative to get Rotarians energized and engaged! Maybe this is an idea for *your* club to consider?

## The District Changeover event promises to be special!

On Thursday evening, June 19, Rotarians from across the district will depart at 6:00pm by ferry from Casco Bay Lines in Portland for Peaks Island. The festivities at the Inn on Peak's Island are only a short distance away. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar will be available. The program will include remarks by incoming Governor Lawrence and outgoing Governor Carolyn, swearing-in of club presidents by incoming RI Director Julia Phelps, and a skit by Sanford-Springvale, Rotarians. \$50 per person, includes ferry and food

Register by June 6!

[Register now!](#)

## How Many Rotarians Does It Take to Make a District Conference? Answer: A lot!

The last details are still being counted, but by all accounts, our recent district conference was a huge success! Nearly 190 Rotarians and guests participated in the conference, each learning a little or a lot about how or clubs and individuals are engaged in Rotary and, as a result, are changing lives. This event would not have been possible without the efforts of so many. A huge debt of gratitude is due:

- Brad Jett, Conference Chair
- Dan Mooers, Conference Chair (and master of special effects)
- Deb Marsolais, Registration
- Gerry Gilbert & Rochester Rotarians, Sergeants At Arms
- Beth Abbott, Silent Auction
- Russ Burleigh, Promotion
- Ed Nolde, Conference Treasurer
- Barbara Sutcliffe, Conference Programs
- Jeff Pelkey, Memorial Service
- George Rice, Props
- Lawrence Furbish, Marge Barker, Sheila Rollins, Mary Tennant, Penny Jett, Roland Gagne, Curt Combar, Mary Bastoni, Darren Wallach; session facilitators and conveners
- Peter Johnson, John Curran, & Dru Laduke: Foundation Reception

And our entertainment:

- Yarmouth Middle School Jazz Band (*Brad Ciechomski, Director*)
- Pihcintu Multinational Children's Chorus (*Con Fullam, Director*)
- Freeport Players (*Elizabeth Guffey, Artistic Director*)

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