



# Rotary District 7780

Carolyn Johnson, District Governor

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## Do you have an idea for a new service project?

Would you like to start a new project in your community? Want to investigate a new international project? Then consider applying for a district grant. Rotarians have used community grants to begin community gardens, build walking paths, start new literacy projects, and help support new food bank projects. Investigations into international projects to begin a sustainable agriculture project in Guatemala, provide books in Nigeria, and help clean water for an orphanage in Cambodia received Springboard Grants. What new project could one of these grants help your club begin? Application forms and grant criteria are posted on the district website. **Applications are due by June 1 for funds available in the 2014-15 Rotary year.** A panel of club Foundation Chairs screen the applications and recommend projects for funding to our District Foundation Committee. These grants are possible as a direct result of our support of The Rotary Foundation. How can the Foundation help your club change lives?

## District Training Assembly Ideas & Strategies to Help Your Club

This year's District Training Assembly will offer unique and interesting training opportunities. Christine Burns, a Rotarian from Connecticut will present a session on Social Media and how it can get the word out about your club and it's activities especially targeting younger members. The focus will be on Facebook, but Christine can also include other formats time permitting. Dan Fitzpatrick, our District Parliamentarian from Rochester Rotary, will discuss club Bylaws, Constitutions, the RI Manual of Procedure, and the importance of board meetings and involvement. District Secretary Judy Speers and Jean Huber, Boothbay Harbor Rotary, will conduct a session for new Rotarians.

**Saturday, April 12, 8 AM - 2 PM**

Westbrook Middle School

\$25 per person

**Registration due by April 6**



*Here's another Highlight of your*

## 7780 District Conference

*Westin Portland Harborview Hotel*

*Friday - Sunday, May 16-18*

Betsy Owen, RI President Ron's representative to our District 7780 Conference, is a polio survivor and a tireless traveler to countries where she helps to eradicate the disease. For her work, Rotary International awarded her the 2010-2011 Service Above Self Award and the International Service Award for a Polio Free World. Betsy served as Governor in District 6930 in 2008-09 and led her district to meet it's three year Polio Plus commitment in one year. She continues to speak to Rotary Clubs about the importance of doing all it takes to end polio and fully believes that if it is not completely eradicated, it will come back with a vengeance and, once again, we will see people in iron lungs within the United States. No country is safe, no person is safe, until polio is completely gone. Come to *your* District Conference to meet Betsy and hear her compelling story.



*For registration forms and agenda, go to [www.Rotary7780.org](http://www.Rotary7780.org)*



## Hampton Rotarians Celebrate 45 Years and Rock Out!

What were you doing on March 22, 1969? Hampton NH was making history by chartering a new Rotary Club – and 45 years later they are still going strong! Last Saturday, President Penny Jett, club members, family and friends, and the sponsoring club, Exeter, celebrated this milestone in style. Past RI Treasurer, Mike Colosurdo, gave a special address calling us to take pride in who we are as Rotarians, not to think so much about what we do, but to focus on who we are. Entertainment was an amazing, energetic group of youth, CSS – Camden Sophisticated Sisters, a youth organization that motivates, educates and empowers youth through structure of a dance drill team. Though CSS works with kids from one of the poorest cities in the US, and one with the highest crime rate, students who get involved with CSS achieve a 100% graduation rate from HS and 80% go on to college.

It was a great evening of Rotary fellowship and memories! Congratulations, Hampton Rotarians – engaged Rotarians changing lives!



## Four Way Test Video Contest

A great way to get your club  
involved with local teens –  
and make a difference!  
Applications & information  
on the district website

Registrations due April 11



## New Generations Conference 200 Youth Engaged in Service

Last Saturday, Interactors, Rotaractors, RYLarians and Youth Exchange students from all around our district descended on York High School to network and celebrate service. Students, inspired by the theme of the conference, Together We Can, donated nearly 500 items and \$600 to be donated to area food banks. Throughout the day, participants engaged in sessions to discuss international and community projects, club best practices, opportunities for travel exchanges and how to get involved in RYLA. Featured speaker, Michael Chase, The Kindness Guy, challenged each of us to do for others with an open heart. Thanks to York Interact for hosting the event and to our District Interact Chair, Kevin Raymond, for organizing this hugely successful event to engage our next generations of Rotarians!

## Club Visioning – Making Your Club's Vision Into a Plan

Join us at a workshop for all clubs interested in strengthening, enhancing the Visioning process and making it work for your club.

Thursday, April 24 (6–8 PM)  
South Portland Housing Authority  
100 Waterman Drive, South Portland, ME  
\$7 per person to cover cost for pizza and beverage  
FMI or to register:

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