



# Rotary District 7780

Carolyn Johnson, District Governor

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## It's time!!!

If you aren't registered for this year's district conference - you have just 24 hours to make sure you are part of the fun - and part of this year's conference!

### **You've read about the inspirational speakers!**

Where else can you meet Bob Crowley - Maine's Survivor  
*and*

Joe Pratt, who scaled Mt Everest to raise money for polio?

### **You've heard about the great entertainment!**

Enjoy music of the Pihcintu Multi-national Children's Chorus -  
their next performance is at the Kennedy Center!

**Be among the first to see the winning Four Way Test Videos!**

**Now is time to act! Registration closes at midnight, Friday May 9**

Be inspired, share fellowship, and take pride in the results made possible because we are Rotarians!  
Come for a day - or for the weekend. You will be glad you did!  
Share in our story of Engaged Rotarians Changing Lives!

[Register for the conference here](#)

Westin Harborview Hotel, Portland, May 16--18



## **Be Part of Our Service Project**

**Have you recently bought a new laptop - or updated your tablet? What are you going to do with the old one?**

Many of you heard Leslie Morissette at District Assembly, describing her outreach to provide technology and internet access to seriously ill children so they can keep up with their education. *GrahamTastic Connection* collects new and gently used laptops, tablets, and desktop computers to connect children, face-to-face with their classrooms and teachers, family and friends and medical teams. At our conference, there will be an area to leave off technology (*functional and less than five years old*) to drop off your gently used technology. [www.grahamtastic.org](http://www.grahamtastic.org)

## **Marshwood Interactors Support Safe Passage**

Interactors presented Dave Holman, of Safe Passage, a check for \$1200. The Marshwood students have a long history of supporting the children at Safe Passage. A highlight of the meeting this week was hearing their teacher's stories of his visit to SP as part of the Bowdoin Alumni program.





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## Dover Rotary Celebrates 90 Years of Service

It was quite a celebration as Dover Rotarians, family, and friends gathered to celebrate their history of service to the community! Led by President Matt Silvia, the club looked back on how it has played a major role in “the renaissance of the city.” Rotary has been key in major city projects such as the Dover Riverwalk and the Henry Law Park, an annual shoe and boot program to provide needy children with appropriate footwear for school, scholarships, and visits to maintain connections with the elderly in the community. The highlight of the evening was awarding Paul Harris Fellows to Clair Bloom (founder of End 68 Hours of Hunger), Rotarian Bob O’Connell (for his contributions to RYLA), Jack Buckley (former director of Dover Housing Authority) and Don Briand (local radio personality and community volunteer).



## District Grant Applications Due June 1

If you have an idea for a new service project, a district community grant could help with the funding to get it started. These grants, which are available as a direct result of our contributions to The Rotary Foundation, may be used for a variety of projects. In the past, these grants have helped clubs build local gardens and trails, support reading projects and supplemental feeding programs - and a huge variety of other projects! The purpose is to help projects that will have a positive impact on a community. Rotarian involvement is key. Projects can be done locally or internationally. The funds will be available by late summer. For more information about the grant, contact your club’s Foundation Chair or look on the district website. These grants are competitive, reviewed by a screening committee of Club Foundation Chairs. Though it is expected that projects will have some club financial support, there is a special \$1000 grant for clubs with fewer than 20 members that does not require a financial commitment. Grant applications must be received (electronically) by John Atwood, our District Grants Chair, no later than June 1. Application forms and information are on the district website (under the Foundation tab)

## Eradicate Polio & See a Great Show

Rotary Night at the Ogunquit Playhouse is simple; just purchase your tickets for the May 28<sup>th</sup> performance of **Grease**. For the sixth year, the Ogunquit Playhouse is joining the fight to eradicate polio by hosting Rotary Night at the theatre. The Playhouse donates a portion of every ticket purchased to **Grease** for the Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 8:00 p.m. performance to York Rotary, who seeks to raise \$5,000 to eliminate polio.

[www.ogunquitplayhouse.org](http://www.ogunquitplayhouse.org)

