



District Membership Seminar

Engaged Rotarians = Strong Clubs

Friday, Oct 4

Registration 2:00
Program 2:30 - 5:30
Networking & Fellowship
5:30 - 7:00
(heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar)

Evening program & speaker: 7:00
"Why Rotary"

Brad Howard, Governor, 2002-03
D5170 (Oakland, CA)

Regatta Banquet Center
Eliot, ME

\$27.50 per person
Register on line
www.Rotary7780.org



Who should attend from your club?

- Membership chairs and committee members
- Board members
- All Rotarians interested in improving your club's membership engagement and outreach.

It's Not Too Late! Come to our District Service Day

Saturday, Sept 14
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Camp Sunshine
Casco, Maine
(off Rte 302

follow signs to Point Sebago)

8:30 Registration & light breakfast

9:00 planting, transplanting,
weeding, clean up

*Bring work gloves, shovels, water
cans if you can*

2:00 BBQ lunch

*bring a dish to share,
main course, beverages provided*
A day of doing what Rotarians do
- service in our community

Is there a "you" in Uganda?

2013 - 2014 Cultural Exchange Project

Calling all District 7780 Rotarians with musical abilities!

District 7780 Rotarians are invited to be member of an eight-member team of musicians to travel to Uganda for ten days-two weeks in the spring of 2014. Be an ambassador in our unique cultural exchange project. Share music and arts in performance in urban Kampala and travel to other villages, learning with local artists in the community, establishing a cultural connection through the arts. Upon return, join up with the inbound Ugandan team (Youth Passionate Organization) to participate in a performances showcasing and sharing your experience and highlighting the extraordinary way Rotarians can build understanding and fellowship in the world, particularly through music and the arts. The outbound team's expenses will be partially supported by our District Grant from the Rotary Foundation. A Global Grant will support the inbound team - who will develop leadership skills through the support of Friends Forever and local Rotarians.

Check out the YPO Ugandan youth in performance -

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=H7JByn0uFzQ#t=585

For more information, details, and to indicate your interest in this opportunity, contact Barbara Sutcliffe
barbarajsutcliffe@gmail.com



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU BRING STUDENTS, HALF JEWS AND HALF PALESTINIANS, TO NEW ENGLAND TO LIVE TOGETHER FOR TWO WEEKS?



Understanding. Thanks to the “home grown” efforts of Rotarians in our district, teens from cultures or religions that are most frequently thought of being in conflict with one another learn that they really do have more in common with each other than they thought. Last month, 36 students involve in Friends Forever were hosted by local Rotarians. Twelve students from Northern Ireland (Protestants and Catholics) and 24 students from Palestine (Jews and Arabs) took part in Friends Forever’s LifeRaft Project. These teens lived, ate, traveled, talked together for two weeks. They participated in leadership building, but most importantly they got to know each other as individuals, as human beings. Throughout the time, these teens visited several Rotary Clubs, with the end result that more Rotarians witnessed first hand how Rotary really is instrumental in Peace Building.

If your club is interested in learning more about Friends Forever, contact Hampton Rotarian Craig Kelleher or Portsmouth Rotarian Leonard Seagren. And if you would like to get involved, watch for the pilot project for students in Uganda that our district will sponsor with Friends Forever in the spring of 2014.

"I feel really comfortable; I treat my Jewish friends like I treat my Arab Friends. People around the world think that Arabs and Jewish people cant get along with each other, but with the experience that I've been through I can truly tell that we can!"

RI PRESIDENT RON HOPES TO SEE YOU “DOWN UNDER” IN JUNE ’14

The 2014 Rotary International Convention will be held in Sydney, Australia from June 1 to 4, and it promises to be a “not-to-be-missed” event. If you have attended an International Convention before you don’t have to be told, and if you haven’t, it is an incredible experience. When you see the streets and convention spaces filled with thousands of Rotarians from all over the world The plenary and breakout sessions are always interesting but perhaps the best part is the chance to meet and talk with so many interesting Rotarians from around the globe. Sydney is a fabulous choice for this convention. It is a vibrant, beautiful, international city and a gateway between the east and west. It has a beautiful harbor with its world-famous opera house, gorgeous beaches, and tons of great restaurants and shops. You don’t have to travel far to find mountains and spectacular country scenery. If you are going to travel all the way to the other side of the world, you might want to consider extending your stay to visit some of Australia’s other attractions: world-class vineyards, the Great Barrier Reef, national parks, and terrific cities, like Adelaide, Perth, Melbourne, and Canberra.

Registration is open now. You can sign up online at www/riconvention.org. The early registration deadline is December 15, 2013, so act now to get the best rates. You will need a visa to visit Australia and this is another reason not to leave your registration until the last minute. If you have questions or additional information, please get in touch with Lawrence Furbish at lkfurbish@mac.com or 207-490-6840. Follow this link for scenes of Sydney and an invitation from President Ron to join him at the 2014 Convention. <http://rotary2014.com.au>





ROTARIANS AT WORK IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

AN INVITATION TO LEARN OF AN EFFECTIVE ROTARY HEALTH INITIATIVE

RC Brunswick Coastal invites Rotarians and guests to an impressive and informative presentation about the Rotary Foundation and RotaCare. Dr. Steven Wolfe, retired surgeon and longtime Rotarian, is the founder and medical director of RotaCare Concord, a mobile clinic which provides free healthcare for the uninsured in



California. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Rotary Foundation as well as one of Rotary's unique homegrown projects.

Join us on **September 25 at 6:00pm** at the Captain Daniel Stone Inn in Brunswick. This is not a fundraiser Tickets are \$20.00 and include a buffet dinner at one of Brunswick's finest restaurants.

Contact Brad Wolfe at bpwolfe22@gmail.com for tickets or more information about the event.



Portland Sunrise Rotarians were honored by the American Red Cross as a Platinum Life Service Organization for their continuing support of blood donation. For many years, Portland Sunrise has sponsored multiple blood donor programs each year. Not only do Rotarians staff the donation center as non-medical volunteers, and recruit friends, family and business associates to donate blood - as they also do themselves! Congratulations to Portland Sunrise for being engaged in the community, making a critical difference to ensure

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI) was created to support all Rotarians' knowledge and leadership skills and provide a platform for the future leaders of our Rotary Clubs. Each institute offers three very distinct day long courses and, in on some, Graduate courses are offered. Each of the three courses provide participants with an understanding of Rotary and its workings. Course I focuses on the Rotarian. Course II information focuses on the workings of the Club and your part in its success. Course III delves into the organization of Rotary International. Each Rotary year sessions are offered throughout New England. Classes are \$75-95 depending where the class is held. Many Clubs offer to cover the costs for members to attend. On October 19, Lewiston-Auburn College will host levels I, II, and at a cost of \$75. The cost is inclusive of materials as well as breakfast, lunch and a break. Registration is 7:30 with classes running from 8-3:30pm. This full day is a great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and enjoy the fellowship of Rotarians from all over New England. Go to www.rlinea.com to register and to find out other opportunities offered throughout this Rotary year. Contact our District RLI Chair: Marge Barker: mbarker173@yahoo.com for more information.

IT'S HERE! The Rotary website has a new look and new tools to help you make connections, exchange ideas, and collaborate with other Rotarians from around the corner or around the globe.

When you visit the new www.rotary.org for the first time you will see the public facing version of the site - information that tells the story of Rotary. To use the full array of information the site has to offer Rotarians, you will need to reconfirm your log in information and create a profile on My Rotary. The new site allows Rotarians to search for projects, publicize your projects, share ideas, look up information about your club.

Admittedly, there are some challenges when reworking an entire international website, but the information, format, and functionality of the new Rotary.org site is a huge improvement. Log on, look around, and start connecting and engaging with more Rotarians.

SEPTEMBER 14, BRUNSWICK COASTAL ROTARY's fundraiser to benefit Midcoast Hunger Prevention and Rotary Hunger Relief Projects. Fun, food, music, wine and beer, and a silent auction featuring items from local artists, restaurants, and businesses. 6:00 pm Cram Alumni House at 83 Federal St. in Brunswick. \$15.00 individual or \$25.00 for a pair. Contact Brad Wolfe at bpwolfe22@gmail.com for tickets or more information.