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**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY
IS IN YOUR HANDS**



Rotary District 7780

**2010 District Conference
May 14, 15 & 16, 2010**

**Sheraton Harborside Portsmouth Hotel
and Conference Center
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

**JEFFREY PELKEY
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
2009-2010**

Gary and Judy Speers, Conference Co-Chairs

Jeffrey Pelkey, District Governor

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Lawrence Furbish, Program Chair



Rick Neville, Sargent at Arms

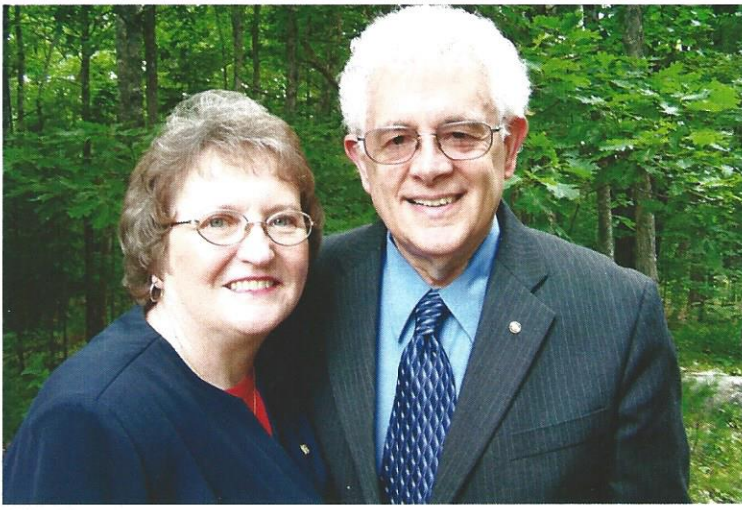
Joelle Corey and Dru LaDuke, Silent Auction Co-Chairs

Beth Abbott, House of Friendship Chair

Rev. Elizabeth Hoffman, Memorial Service

Conference Committee Members

Marie Williams, Amy Neville, Luke Guerrette



Welcome Rotarian!

As the co-chairs of the District 7780 Conference we would like to welcome you and your extended Family of Rotary to the Sheraton Portside in beautiful Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Thank you so much for joining in this celebration of the incredible efforts this past year of you and your fellow Rotarians.

The 2010 Conference Committee has focused on showcasing the successes of you and your clubs, our youth who are the future of Rotary and on honoring those who have gone before us. We hope that you will be able to network with old friends and new, share ideas, have fun and enjoy the camaraderie that is Rotary.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the 2010 Conference Committee for their hours, days and weeks of hard work in bringing this together. Governor Jeff, thank you on behalf of the entire committee for your leadership and efforts in organizing this conference.

Gary and Judy Speers

District Conference Co-Chairs

Greetings from Rotary International President John Kenny

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

John Kenny
President, 2009-10
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Dear Fellow Rotarians and Guests,

Please accept from June and I the warmest greetings for a successful and enjoyable Conference. District Governor Jeffrey Pelkey and his District Conference Committee have worked hard to prepare a program of Rotary content and fellowship which we trust you will enjoy.

Each year around 500 District Conference are held. June and I would have been delighted to attend every one but as you will understand this is just not possible. We have invited TRF Trustee Louis Piconi and Barbara to represent us. We trust that you will make them welcome and will appreciate their message to the conference.

I have asked Lou to stress the importance which I have placed this year in supporting the campaign to end the scourge of polio, in promoting our programmes in water, health and hunger, and literacy, in renewing our commitment to Vocational Service and strengthening our membership base. You and the Rotarians in your district have an important role to play. Indeed, *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*.

Sincerely,

John Kenny
President, Rotary International 2009-10



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Louis, with wife Barbara, developed commercial properties in Southwestern PA as LP Industries. Lou and Barbara have four adopted children, Lisa, Louis, Douglas and Vincent; and six grandchildren, Kallan, Lucas, Aurora, Connor, Keaton and Griffon.

Lou has or is serving on boards of numerous civic and business organizations, including the Greater Bridgeville Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind, the Brothers Brother Foundation, President of the St. Agatha School Board, and member of FIRST Commonwealth Bank of Pennsylvania Growth Board. Lou served on the board of the Bridgeville Borough Parking Authority for 9 years, including its Chairman during the period of establishing new self-sufficient parking lots for the business community. Lou has received a number of civic honors, including "Man of the Year" by the Chartiers Valley Human Relations Commission in 1984, the 1985 Albert Gallatin Award for the Pittsburgh area for community and business achievement, and the 1995 Italian-American Sportsman's "Man of the Year" for the Pittsburgh area.

A Rotarian since 1976, Lou continues to have fun serving in his Rotary Club of Bethel-St. Clair. Lou has served Rotary as district governor, on a number of international committees, and in numerous leadership positions for Rotary and The Rotary Foundation. Rotary has recognized him with its highest honor, the "*Service Above Self*" award. The Rotary Foundation has recognized Lou with the Citation for Meritorious Service, the Distinguished Service Award, and the International Service Award for a Polio Free World. Lou's Rotary Club named him "Rotarian of the Year" in 1997-98, an honor he values greatly.

In addition to serving his Rotary Club, Mr. Piconi currently serves Rotary on the following Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation committees:

- ◆ Chairman, RI President Wilf Wilkinson's Advisory Committee
- ◆ Chairman, Rotary Foundation Trustees Fund Development Committee
- ◆ Member, Rotary Foundation Trustees Executive Committee
- ◆ Co-Chairman, PolioPlus Partners Committee



WELCOME

Myself, Julia and our son Justin, welcome District 7780 Rotarians and guests to this 2010 District Conference here in beautiful Portsmouth New Hampshire, the home of our largest club both in our District and in Northern New England.

A very special thanks to Presidents Jamie DeStefano and Denis Dillon for hosting us in their fine city and to President Julie Perreault from the Kittery Rotary Club our host club for all their support during the planning of this conference.

A very gracious thank you to our conference committee under the direction of our DGN Gary and his wife PE Judy Speers our conference co chairs that have been working tirelessly to bring you what will prove to be a wonderful weekend together. Special thanks to our guests especially our Rotary International Presidents Representative Trustee Louis and his wife Barbara Piconi.

As I have visited each of your clubs, some many times throughout the last few years, it becomes so clear why we are the most effective world wide service organization, it's not the mission we all strive to support or the countless hours we all spend together both locally and internationally supporting service projects and many other programs, it is you. It's the wonderful people that make this organization what it is from the club level across to the international level each is only as effective as the Rotarians that serve. This truly has been a year that has demonstrated that "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" and you have shown over and over again that the future is bright and strong.

It has been our honor to serve as your District Governor this year; we hope you enjoy this time together here in the beautiful Seacoast of New Hampshire.

Peace –

District Governor Jeffrey Pelkey, Julia and Justin



Grace Agwaru
Global Ambassador for
Gift of Life International

Gift of Life (GOL) began in 1975 as a project of the Manhasset Rotary Club on Long Island when Robbie Donno proposed to his club that they bring a 5-year-old Ugandan girl named Grace Agwaru to the United States for open-heart surgery. The rest, as they say, is history. In 2003, Gift of Life International was formed

to coordinate the efforts of GOL programs throughout the world. Since its founding, GOL programs have treated children from sixty-four countries and six continents. Grace is with us to tell her incredible story.

“Back then, in the early 70s, when my daughter was diagnosed with a hole in the heart, I had never in my whole life heard of anybody suffering from heart disease,” narrates 70-year-old Silvester Agwaru about when he was told by the doctors at Mulago that his third born child had a hole in the heart.

“From the time Grace was born, she started having regular sickness,” he says. Working as a civil servant in Ministry of Internal Affairs, his family was staying in Entebbe, so he took the baby to Grade A in Entebbe Hospital. “The doctors couldn’t find what was wrong with our baby and we were referred to Mulago Hospital.”

When her problem was established, Mr Agwaru says the doctors at the national referral hospital started carrying out extensive examinations on his daughter and giving her medication. Through these doctors, Mr Agwaru was introduced to Kampala Rotary Club which ran an article about her plight. The story was published in the Rotary Times, a Rotary monthly magazine.

Robbi Donno a Rotarian all the way in the United States read her story and felt he could do something. He recounted it to his club members and they decided to put some actions to their confessions as Rotarians. They decided they were going to help Grace and after fundraising, she was booked into St. Francis Hospital in Long Islands in the US for a heart surgery when the hospital affirmed that they could handle her case.

Grace Agwaru does not remember most of the finer details of the events that put a stop to her endless visits to hospital. Her most vivid memory of childhood though is that she was a sickly child and that she had to endure painful injections continuously. But the operation that was done when she was five marked the crossover from sickly to healthy. And Grace was the first child that was operated on with support from Robbi’s Rotary Club, Manhasset.

What both Robbi and Grace's father did not know at that time was that this desire to help a child with a heart complication would blossom into a fully-fledged worldwide organisation, Gift of Life International, that gives an opportunity to children like Grace to live a normal and long life because as Grace puts it, "doctors at Mulago had said she would not live beyond her 16 birthday if she did not receive this corrective surgery."

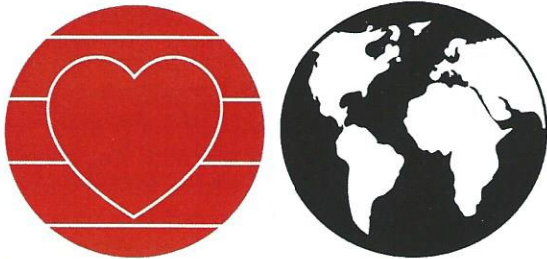
"My life became pretty normal after that. I went to Buganda Road and Soroti Primary Schools. I then went to Mount St Mary's Namagunga from where I went to Makerere University." At Makerere, Grace got a degree in Agricultural Economics and she proceeded to obtain a Masters in Agricultural Extension, still from Makerere. Grace says she never had to go home even once all through her education on condition of being sick. My family to date are grateful to Robbi's family and still talk about that event."

"Grace never had any other health complications again after that. She became a very normal child," her father happily said. The family together with cousins and nieces were at the GOLI re-union that saw all children helped under this organisation meet and celebrate the opportunity at life that was offered to them through this association.

"What GOLI did for me inspired my education and the need to take care of myself and give back to GOLI," Grace, who is now 39-years old says. Until recently when she started working as a GOLI ambassador, Grace has been using her agricultural skills to work with communities in Soroti in group development projects. "I am passionate about helping them become self sufficient."

Grace and her father are also the founders of Soroti Central Rotary Club which they began as a way of helping others in their community in whichever way they can given what GOLI did for them.

At the moment, Grace is based in New York where she carries out her duties as a global ambassador, though, she had come down to Uganda to join in the celebrations and the strategic planning of GOLI's regional heart facility that is set to be opened up in Uganda.



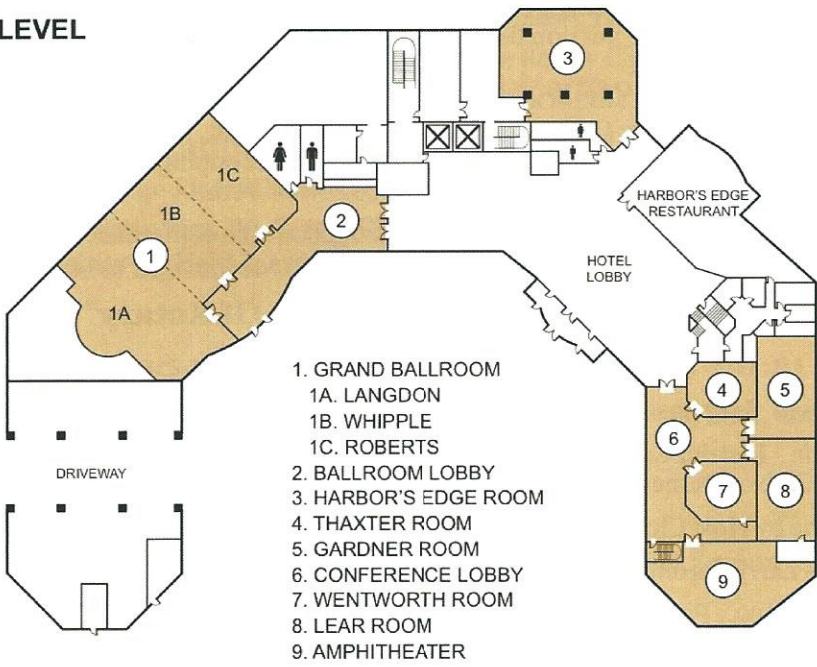
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Friday and Saturday-Registration and House of Friendship Hours

9:00am - 6:00pm Conference Registration Thaxter Room

Linda White, Rotary Club of South Berwick-Eliot. Pick up program, meal tickets, badge and bag (registration office located in room to the right of main doors on first floor).

12:00pm - 4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm Saturday

House of Friendship Harbor's Edge Room

Beth Abbott, VP, Rotary Club of Oxford Hills. Share fellowship and relax all weekend long in the House of Friendship where you will find great club and district displays, beverage and snack center for the entire family, wrap a smile coloring station, club interactive world map and so much more.

Silent Auction Harbor's Edge Room

Joelle Corey, PE, Rotary Club of Oxford Hills, and Dru LaDuke, PE, Rotary Club of Saco Bay. Support our Foundation at the Silent Auction where you will find great items to bid on starting Friday. The wide variety of items will be available during the hours of the auction listed above.

Information Table Front Lobby

Provided by The Rotary Clubs of Portsmouth and Seacoast, New Hampshire. Stop by this table to get information about shuttle service, shopping, Strawberry Banke and other points of interest around the City of Portsmouth.

Attire-Business casual (no jeans or polos) throughout the conference, Friday evening business attire, Saturday evening- semi-formal, black tie optional.

Friday, May 14 "The Success Of Rotary"

12:00-1:45pm Opening Lunch Main Ballroom

Convener - Gary Speers, District DGN

Welcome - District Conference Chairs Gary Speers, DGN and Judy Speers, PE, Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle

Welcome by Host Club - Julie Perreault, President, Rotary Club of Kittery

Pledge - Larry Jordan, President, Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

Patriotic Song - Peter Johnson, PDG

Invocation - Rev. Brad Hirst, VP, Rotary Club of Kittery

Introduction of Dignitaries - RI Rep, PRIVP, PDGs, DG, DGE, DGN, DGND

Lunch

Welcome to Portsmouth - Jamie DeStefano, President, Rotary Club of Portsmouth

and Denis Dillon, President, Rotary Club of Seacoast, New Hampshire

Welcome Remarks - Jeffrey Pelkey, District Governor

Introduction of RI President's Representative - Jeffrey Pelkey District Governor

Louis Piconi - RI President's Representative and Trustee

Announcements: Sergeant of Arms - Rick Neville, PP, Rotary Club of Hampton

2:00-2:50pm Breakout Sessions I

Program	Presenter	Room
Gift of Life International	Jeffrey Pelkey, DG	Amphitheater
Grant Success Stories	Marty Peak Helman, DGND	Warner
Fundraising Success	Julie Perreault, President	Woodbury

3:15-4:00pm Breakout Sessions II

Program	Presenter	Room
PolioPlus	Ann Lee Hussey, DGE Ted Trainer, CH. 2010-11	Amphitheater
Membership Success	Michael McGovern, PRIVP	Warner

Successfully Strengthening Your Club Peter Johnson, PDG Woodbury

4:00-6:00 pm Hospitality Rooms hosted by The Rotary Club of Portsmouth, and The Rotary Club of Kittery, Located in Condos-look for the Rotary Welcome sign.

6:30pm Dinner Main Ball Room

Convener - George Rice, PDG, Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

Invocation - Patty Rice, PP, Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

Introduction of Dignitaries - RI President's Rep, PRIVP, PDGs, DG, DGE, DGN, DGND

Dinner

Awards - Jeffrey Pelkey, District Governor

Introduction of RI President's Representative - Elizabeth Cullen, PDG, Rotary Club

of Newburyport

Louis Piconi - RI President's Representative and Trustee

Introduction of Speaker -Lawrence Furbish, VP, Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale

Grace Agwaru - Gift of Life Recipient Ambassador

Following Dinner - Hospitality Rooms hosted by The Rotary Club of Portsmouth, and The Rotary Club of Kittery, Located in Condos-look for the Rotary Welcome sign.

Saturday, May 15, 2010

“The Future Of Rotary Is In Your Hands”

7:00am Registration Thaxter Room

9:00-2:00pm Harbor’s Edge Room

House of Friendship and Silent Auction

8:00-8:55am Breakfast Main Ballroom

Convener- Joan Correll, President, Rotary Club of Hampton

Pledge - Karen Filler, President, Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle

Invocation - Patricia Gulnac, President, Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale

Breakfast

8:55-9:45am Plenary Session I Main Ballroom

Convener - Grace Connolly, PP, Rotary Club of Newburyport

Introduction of GSE Teams - Grace Connolly, District GSE Chair

GSE Presentations - Outbound and Inbound Teams

Announcements - Sergeant of Arms-Rick Neville, PP, Rotary Club of Hampton

10:00-10:40am Breakout Sessions III

Program	Presenter	Room
Group Study Exchange	Grace Connolly, CH. 2009-10 James Price, PP	Amphitheater
PolioPlus	Ann Lee Hussey, DGE Ted Trainer, CH. 2010-11	Warner

10:50-11:30am Breakout Sessions IV

Youth Exchange	David Wilson District Youth Coordinator	Amphitheater
Friends Forever, Inc.	Steven Martineau, CEO	Warner
Fresh Foundation Ideas	Elizabeth Cullen, PDG	Woodbury

11:40am-12:10pm Lunch Main Ballroom

Convener - Judy Speers, PE, Rotary Club of Damariscotta- Newcastle

Invocation - Amy Neville, Rotary Club of Hampton

4 Way Test Contest - Carolyn Johnson, President, Rotary Club of Yarmouth

Lunch

4 Way Test Awards

Youth Exchange - David Wilson, District Youth Coordinator, Rotary Club of Saco Bay

Youth Exchange Students’ Presentations

1:45-2:00pm District 7780 Business Meeting Main Ballroom

Convener - Marie Williams, PDG

Club Roll Call - Pamela Gray-District Secretary, Rotary Club of Kittery

Financial Report - Luke Guerrette, District Treasurer, Rotary Club of Wells

Announcements by Sergeant of Arms - Rick Neville, PP, Rotary Club of Hampton

2:00-2:45pm Governor's Council Meeting

Location ~~John Paul Jones Room~~ Warner Room

2:00-5:00pm Free Time

5:00-6:00pm Cocktail Hour in Harbor's Edge Room

House of Friendship and Auction (Auction closes at 6:00pm)

6:30pm Dinner and Entertainment Main Ballroom

Introduction of Dignitaries - Rick Neville, PP, Rotary Club of Hampton

Convener - Michael McGovern, PRIVP

Patriotic Song - Peter Johnson, PDG

Invocation - Marty Peak Helman, DGND, Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor

Dinner

Introduction of RI President's Representative - Jeffrey Pelkey, District Governor

Key Note Speaker - Louis Piconi, RI President's Representative and Trustee

Auction Results - Joelle Corey, PE, Rotary Club of Oxford Hills and Dru LaDuke, PE, Rotary Club of Saco Bay

Introduction of Entertainment - Jeffrey Pelkey, District Governor

Entertainment - Glen Ward-Humorist and Inspirational Speaker

Following Dinner and Entertainment - Hospitality Rooms hosted by The Rotary Club of Portsmouth, and The Rotary Club of Kittery, Located in Condos - look for the Rotary Welcome sign.

Sunday, May 16, 2010 "Remembering Rotary"

Registration 7:00am Lobby

8:15-9:00am Memorial Service Harbor's Edge Room

Convener - Reverend Elizabeth Hoffman

Tribute to those Rotarians who passed away in 2009-2010

9:00am Breakfast and Closing Plenary

Convener - Marty Peak Helman, DGND, Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor

Pledge - Dru LaDuke, PE, Rotary Club of Saco Bay

Invocation - David Reid, PE, Rotary Club of Hampton

Breakfast

Closing Remarks: Conference Chairs - Gary Speers, DGN and Judy Speers, PE, Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle

Louis Piconi - RI President's Representative and Trustee

Presentation and Remarks - Jeffrey Pelkey, District Governor



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Glen Ward comes to us from Columbia, South Carolina, where he lives with his wife, Denise, and their two children. He addresses audiences all across America as a full-time, professional Humorist and Inspirational Speaker.

You will enjoy his impersonations of political figures as well as his singing voice as he impersonates well-known musical celebrities. I am also hoping he will share some of his childhood stories with you of growing up in a minister's home.

He has been invited to speak to many organizations both public and private and has glowing testimonials including from our own Past District Governor Brad Jett and Governor Jeffrey Pelkey . Please congratulate he and his lovely wife, Denise, as they celebrate their wedding anniversary here with us this weekend.

WITNESS THE WORLD OF ROTARY



Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks
200 Sable Oaks Drive
South Portland, Maine

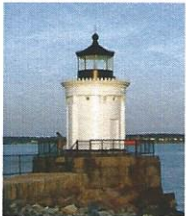
*Enjoy the GSE Team from Hong Kong
Learn about World Community Service
Participate in Friendship Exchange
with India
Work in a service project*

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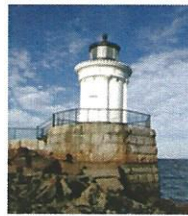
*Enjoy the sights of Portland, Maine
Savor the taste of lobsters
Tour museums and lighthouses
Play a championship golf course
Relax in the spa*

SAVE THE DATES



Ann Lee Hussey, District Governor 2010-2011

Conference 2011 Co-Chairs
Kathy Emmons and Deb Cote



Interested in serving on the Conference 2011 Committee, contact Governor Ann Lee

