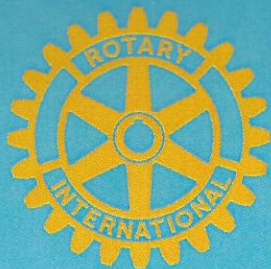
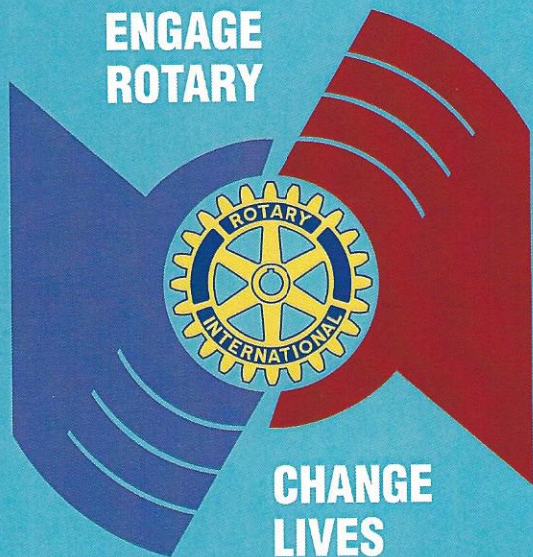


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2014 District Conference

"Shared Stories - Changed Lives"

Westin Portland Harborview
May 16-18, 2014

GREETINGS FROM RI PRESIDENT RON D. BURTON

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

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Dear Rotarians and Guests,

Jetta and I send our warmest greeting to each of you attending this 2013-14 district conference. We have enjoyed many district conferences during our time as Rotarians and we wish we could be with you for this conference, but that is just not possible. We are confident that you will enjoy a full program of Rotary information, fun and fellowship and hope you will find it inspirational and rewarding.

As you listen to the speakers, including my personal representative and participate in the various events and activities planned for the conference, I ask you to think about the rewards and opportunities of being a Rotarian and being a part of the Family of Rotary. Sharing your enthusiasm for Rotary with others is the real key to growing and strengthening Rotary membership.

Rotary has been a well-kept secret for too long. It's time for us to share the wonderful opportunities of Rotary with others. Tell a friend about your experience at this conference and about all that your club and district do throughout the year. Invite a friend to join you at a meeting or in a special event. What a wonderful way to ***Engage Rotary, Change Lives!***

The more engaged we become, the greater the rewards we enjoy. What I have learned during my Rotary journey is that as I engage Rotary, the life that has changed the most has been mine. Jetta and I ask you to join us this year in sharing the good news of Rotary and actively engaging Rotary in every way possible.

Best wishes for a successful district conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron D. Burton".

Ron D. Burton





**RI PRESIDENT'S
REPRESENTATIVE
Betsy Owen**

District 6930
Delray Beach Rotary

Frances V. "Betsy" Owen was born in Pensacola, Florida and grew up in Miami. She attended Emory University majoring in English and minoring in biology. She had a 40-plus year career teaching English and photojournalism mass media at the junior high, senior high and college level in Georgia, Texas, and Florida, receiving over 300 awards at the local, state, and national level for the publications she advised until her retirement in July, 2003. She retired to Rotary and travels with her husband of 30 years, Michael W. "Mike" Owen, whom she met ocean racing. They lead a very active life traveling, sailing on their ocean racer, *Penny Ante*, fishing on their power boat, *Bumaround*, wind surfing, kayaking, water skiing, snow skiing, playing tennis and golf. Betsy loves taking pictures of all of their adventures. She supports her husband's profession, real estate, also having her own license since 1983.

Betsy went through the chairs in her club and went on to serve as Assistant Governor for two years, becoming District Governor in 2008-2009. She is currently Membership Chair, and RLI Director and Faculty Member. At the Zone level, she served as Zone 34 Literacy Resource Coordinator. This year, she is on the Executive Committee for the second time and will be District 6930 Advisor to RI Director, Anne Matthews for the second year. She is a Paul Harris Society member, Double Sustainer, Major Donor, and Bequest Society member and Benefactor. She has received *Rotarian of the Year* at her club and the district, as well as the district's *Service Above Self Award*. A year ago, she received the *Service Above Self Award* from the Board of Directors of Rotary International and the *International Award for a Polio-Free World* from the Rotary International Foundation Board of Trustees. She volunteers for the Women's Council of Realtors®, Realtors® Association of the Palm Beaches, Florida Realtors®, Impact 100, Kappa Alpha Theta, and sits on the Board of Directors of Children's Home Society, Executive Women of Palm Beaches, Bermuda High West Beach and Tennis Club, and Florida Realtors®. Betsy and Mike have had the privilege of traveling on behalf of their Realtor and Rotary organizations around the world to 38 countries, but especially Africa, India, and Thailand, all doing good in the world.



DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR Carolyn Johnson

Shared Stories - Changed Lives

When visiting each club last fall, I spoke of the keyway within the Rotary wheel being the place to collect our Rotary stories. Just as the keyway enables a gear to engage, so too, our stories are what set the Rotary wheel in motion. This

conference, our conference, is our opportunity to share our stories and acknowledge the good that resulted because of Rotary.

This weekend, you will hear a collection of inspired stories - stories of fellow Rotarians - Rotarians from our clubs - who traveled to far-away countries to help provide clean water, an education, an opportunity to live with dignity. Rotarians will share stories of how their clubs are making their own communities better places to live - by helping the hungry, mentoring children, or providing cheer for the elderly. Rotarians will describe what happened when every club in our district worked together to provide Christmas cheer for so many families in Lac Megantic.

And among those stories, there will be new stories - stories of Rotary Peace Scholars, and a Rotarian who climbed Mount Everest to raise money for polio, and a club who is changing an entire community because they stopped to ask what was needed and committed to work until the job was done - all stories that were made possible because of our Rotary Foundation.

My hope is that you use this weekend to collect a whole new chapter of Rotary stories. Have a conversation with one of our speakers. Share dinner with someone you haven't met before and ask them about their club. Share your story of why you are proud of your club. Share why you are proud to be a Rotarian.

And then take those stories - the projects, the ideas, the inspiration - and share them - with your family when you return home, with your colleagues at work. Take a few minutes to tell a story you heard at the conference when you go to your Rotary meeting next week. Share a good Rotary story and help our wheel turn to change more lives.

DG Carolyn

DISTRICT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, May 16, Grand Ballroom

11:30 a.m. Yarmouth Middle School Jazz Band
Brad Ciechomski, Director

12:00 noon Lunch and Program

1:00 p.m. Welcome Remarks
Betsy Owen, RI President's Representative
Past District Governor, District 6930
Delray Beach Rotary, Florida

Keynote Address

A Story of the Value of Peace

Lt. DF Pace
Rotary Peace Scholar

2:00 p.m. First Plenary Session

Panel Discussion

Acknowledging Conflict:

How Rotarians Engage Locally

Darren Wallach, Panel Facilitator, Rotary Peace Fellow
Lt. DF Pace, Rotary Peace Fellow, Philadelphia Police Dept.
Chief Ed Googins, South Portland Police Dept.
Judge Peter Goranites, Maine District Court
Esther Attean, Commissioner, Maine-Wabanaki REACH
Pious Ali, Youth and Community Engagement, USM

Stories of International Service

Guatemala Literacy Project

Yanira Batres, Senior Trainer
Culture of Reading Program, Guatemala Literacy Project

Crutches 4 Africa

Jim Schmidt, Portland Sunrise Rotary
Dennis Robillard, Saco Bay Rotary

Rotaplast

Dalit Wolfe, Brunswick Coastal Rotary

One Foot for Polio: A Story to Scale Mt. Everest

Joe Pratt, Past District Governor, D7980
Raymond Area (NH) Rotary

Friday, May 16, Grand Ballroom

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Pihcintu Multinational Children's Chorus
Con Fullam, Chorus Director

Service Above Self Honoree
Dr. Roger Fagan, Portland Rotary

Keynote Address
Stories of Doing Good in the World,
We Each Make a Difference
John Osterlund
General Manager, The Rotary Foundation

Keynote Address
A Story of Community Development:
You Don't Know Until You Ask
Rodolfo Bianchi, Past District Governor, D 4250
Guatemala Sur Rotary

Saturday, May 17, Grand Ballroom

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

8:30 a.m. Keynote Address
A Story of a Positive Attitude
Bob Crowley, Maine's Survivor

9:00 a.m. Second Plenary Session

Presidential Citation Awards

Panel Discussion
New Generations - Stories from Youth Leaders
Sheila Rollins, Panel Facilitator
DGN, Bridgton Lake Region Rotary
Interact Students
Youth Exchange Students
Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Presidential Citation for Interact Clubs

Four Way Test Contest Video Contest Winners

Saturday, May 17, Grand Ballroom

Panel Discussion
Stories of How Our Foundation Giving Supports
Communities

Mary Tennant, Panel Facilitator
District 7780 Foundation Grants Coordinator
Brunswick Coastal Rotary

Springboard Grants

Jeanette MacDonald, Hampton Rotary
Ann Lee Hussey, Portland Sunrise Rotary

Community Grants

Dan Hussey, Rochester Rotary
Claudia Frost, Brunswick Rotary

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Third Plenary Session

Music Tells the Story of Peace and Understanding
District Cultural Exchange to Uganda

Barbara Sutcliffe, Cultural Exchange Coordinator,
Sanford-Springvale Rotary

Curt Combar, Team Leader, Freeport Rotary
Mary Bastoni, Music Coordinator, Fryeburg Rotary
John Dennen, Brunswick Coastal Rotary
Ken Brunsvold, Brunswick Coastal Rotary
Marty Helman, Boothbay Harbor Rotary
Jen Davis, Kennebunk Rotary

Stories of Friendship and Renewal
District Service Project to Lac Megantic

Penny Jett, Hampton Rotary
Roland Gagne, Biddeford-Saco Rotary

12:00 noon District Business Meeting

Committee Reports

Vote on proposed amendments
to District 7780 By-laws

Election of District Representative to
Council on Legislation

Afternoon Open for participants to enjoy Portland

Saturday, May 17, Grand Ballroom

- 6:00 p.m. Cocktails
- 6:30 p.m. Silent Auction Closes
- 6:45 p.m. Dinner
- Paul Harris Fellow Honorees -
 Heroes of Lac Megantic
- Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service
 Ellen LaBrie, Portsmouth Rotary
- Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award
- Keynote Address
 The Power of One
 Betsy Owen, RI President's Representative
- Entertainment
 Freeport Players present -
 The WFCP Home Time Radio Hour

Sunday, May 18, Longfellow Room

- 8:00 a.m. Memorial Service
 Sharing Stories of Service and Friendship
 of Rotarians Before Us
 Jeff Pelkey, Past District Governor
 Kittery Rotary
- 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- Closing Remarks
 Betsy Owen, RI President's Representative
- Promotion of 2015 District Conference
 Lawrence Furbish, District Governor-Elect
- Closing Remarks
 Carolyn Johnson, Governor, District 7780
- 9:30 a.m. Reception Brunch for Rotary Foundation Major Donors
 Maine College of Art



GRAHAMTASTIC CONNECTION

www.grahamtastic.org

Grahamastics Connection provides technology and internet access to seriously-ill children so they can keep up with their education. The organization 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 is an area in the House of Friendship to leave off devices (*functional and less than five years old*) that Rotarians and friends would like to donate to support this great endeavor.

PIHCINTU

Multinational Children's Chorus

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Connecting the world through **MUSIC** and **FRIENDSHIP**

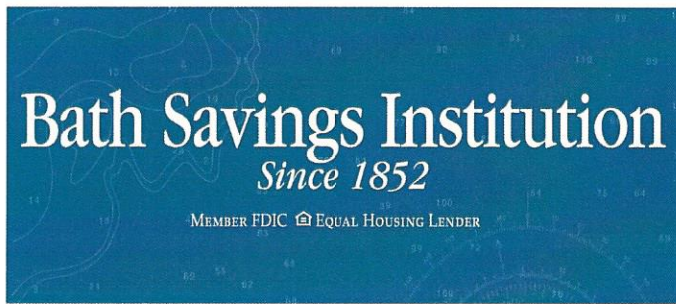
Pihcintu, a unique chorus of young women from Cambodia, China, Congo, El Salvador, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Viet Nam, British West Indies, and Zambia, along with children whose families have been here for generations, have formed a powerful and permanent bond. Through the healing power of music, these vulnerable, yet brave, young women have learned to trust, hope and laugh again. The children and their music are transformative. Being in their presence is a life-enhancing experience and they touch the hearts of all who hear them!

WFOV'S HOME TIME
RADIO HOUR

Freeport Players provides opportunities for local amateur actors to perform in roles often reserved for professionals. We involve members of our community in all aspects of the process, drawing on their talent and enthusiasm to create the "magic" of theater.

FREEPORT
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OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPONSORS



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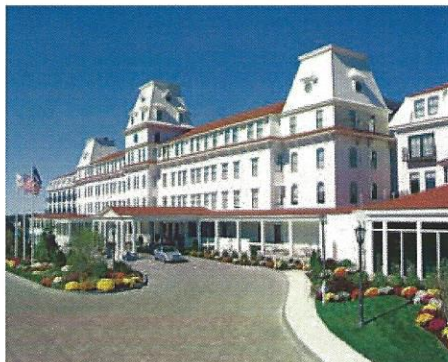


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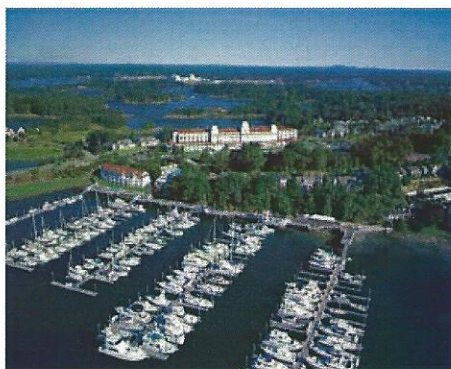
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The meticulously restored historic seaside resort reigns over the sea with a glamour and grace that has drawn guests here for more than a century.

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Thank you to our Club Presidents
for their service through leadership.

Will Neilson, Bath
Erika Benson, Bath Sunrise
Rene McGrew, Bethel
Roland Gagne, Biddeford-Saco
Jennifer Page Osman, Boothbay Harbor
Holly Dvorak, Bridgton-Lake Region
Claudia Frost, Brunswick
Linda Collins, Brunswick Coastal
Bill Silver, Damariscotta-Newcastle
Matt Sylvia, Dover
John Belcher, Durham-Great Bay
Burt Dibble, Exeter
Anne Payson, Falmouth
Michele Bois Gilbody, Freeport
David Chaffee, Fryeburg Area
Penny Jett, Hampton
Lisa Lassey, Kennebunk
Owen Conway, Kennebunk Portside
Jared Morse, Kittery
Ed Smith, Ogunquit
Dave Preble, Oxford Hills
John Marr, Portland
John Henninges, Portland Sunrise
Dave Underhill, Portsmouth
Roger Whitehouse, River Valley
Dan Hussey, Rochester
Greg Cloutier, Saco Bay
Sallie & Arnie Chandler, Sanford-Springvale
Candy Macomber, Scarborough
Than Meyer, Seacoast Portsmouth
Don Dyer, Sebago Lake
Deb Dumont, South Berwick-Eliot
Ellie Speh, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth
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Tom Connelie, Topsham Expresso
Peter Leon, Wells
Patty Kenney, Westbrook-Gorham
Bill Dunn, Yarmouth
Rob Horowitz, York