

## **DISTRICT PROTECTION REPORT for August 2016**

**I have been away for two weeks so access to info is tough but if you could send out that we are still working to get certifications from club protection officers related to the adoption of a district approved club protection policy that would be great. To date we have only received a handful from clubs.**

**Could also remind all of my contact information should anyone need further information regarding complying.**

## **INCOMING YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT for August 2016**

**Anna arrived Saturday night 8-13-16 from Italy. She will be a 4th year student at Traip Academy in Kittery this year. Her first host family is the Lombardi family whose son, Michael, will be leaving this week as a RYE student in Japan. We are excited to be hosting Anna at Traip Academy as the first RYE student in many, many years. There will be three other exchange students (through Cultural Home Stay International) from Denmark, Belgium, and Spain this year at Traip Academy.**

## **INTERACT REPORT for August 2016**

**Plans for the upcoming High School Interact Trip for UN Day are moving along. We currently have 40 students registered and only 8 seats remaining. The all-inclusive cost for the trip is \$360 per student and most of the Rotary Clubs have supported their Interact Club by subsidizing part or all of the expense. The trip departs 8am on November 11 and returns 10:30pm on November 12. Departure and return are from the Biddeford Park n Ride lot. The agenda includes site seeing in Times Square, dinner at Bubba Gump's Times Square, Phantom of the Opera on Broadway, Rotary UN Day and the 911 Memorial & Museum. Meals, transportation and lodging are all included. So far the following Interact clubs have students registered: Scarborough-Biddeford-Marshwood-York-Newmarket-Bath-Boothbay-Dover-Westbrook-Winnacunnet-Cape Elizabeth-Exeter-Wells-Rochester. Another**

notice will go out to all the Interact club advisors via email the first of September.

The 2016-2017 Interact/New Generations Conference will be March 25, 2017. Location to be announced.

**LITERACY INFORMATION** went into the District Newsletter.

Rotary Clubs in our District have a long tradition of supporting basic education and literacy through various club projects such as school partnerships, or distributing dictionaries to first and third graders, or the Yes, Rotary Reads project.

Now more than ever, the help of Rotary Clubs is needed to support the teachers and schools to get students proficient school supplies by end of September for the upcoming school year. All members of District 7780 will have a hands on opportunity to help out at Ruth's Reusable Resources ([www.ruths.org](http://www.ruths.org)) in Portland on September 17, 2016 from 9am -2pm. We have not finalized all detail yet; however, registration will open around the middle of August on the District website.

The day will be very busy because school year started, and teachers will shop for the supplies they need to help their students succeed. Volunteers' tasks will be taking loaded carts out to teachers' cars, passing items out the loading dock door, restocking popular items in the teacher store, helping at sign in and check out, or stocking in the warehouse if we have Rotarians with muscles.

One of the messages on Ruth's Board reads – ***“A hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in or the kind of car you drove... But the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child”***

We will contact all clubs as soon we have all details and registration is open. In the meantime, put the date on your calendar! If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact District Literacy Co-Chair Kerstin Kirchner, [kerstinkrchnr@gmail.com](mailto:kerstinkrchnr@gmail.com) or Terry Hodskins, [vagabond04@roadrunner.com](mailto:vagabond04@roadrunner.com).

## **LITERACY REPORT for August 2016**

**I just sent a reminder to 23 Club Presidents to let us know who their Club Literacy Chair is and sent all the information Club Literacy Chairs received per email on August 2nd. If we do not get a respond by August 15th, we assume the communication preference for that club is that all literacy related emails have to be send to the Club President.**

**As a follow up on our conversation attached are material that we will distribute to the clubs begining July 2016.**

**<Josh the Otter & Rotary International Informational Flyer doc (US and International Prices).pdf>**

**<District Literacy Award 1 2016-2017.pdf>**

**<Basic Education Literacy Project Guide.pdf>**

**<LiteracyProjectResources.docx.docx>**

**<Book Distribution.xlsx.xlsx>**

**I am pleased to inform you that the Rotary District 7780 just added a tentative District Literacy Project on September 17, 2016 at Ruth Reusable Resource from 9 am to 2 pm in our busy District calendar. In the past about 30-40 Rotarians (adults age 18 and older) and a view Interactors (teenagers age 12-18) participated on District service projects; however, it also could be up to 60 individuals. We shall have a definite number two weeks before the event. The goal of this project is to create awareness of Ruth Reusable Resource among Rotarians and Interactors in our District an might inspire them to future service projects at Ruth Resource Reusable.**

**Kerstin will be attending RC Sanford-Springvale US Map project day on August 20th. Its an opportunity for her to learn more about the project and where the District stencil map is stored.**

## **OUT GOING REPORT for August 2016**

**Out going student is Michael Lombardi 18 of Kittery Maine. Graduated from Trap Academy in Kittery this spring. He is doing his gap year abroad in Japan for a year. He will attend U Maine upon return. He is**

**fully funded ( including spending\$ ) , housing accommodations are all secured . His principal ( a Kittery Rotarian) has the housing and schooling details but is away on family vacation . Will update when he returns.**

**Michael will be leaving Monday August 15th en route to Amora Japan. He will land in Toyko and take another flight in country upon which his host family will pick him up. Very interesting to note is that Michael will be able to visit students whom he has become friends with since they came to Kittery as exchange students in middle school.**

**Most of Michaels focus in school will be on the language. I spoke to him today and while he is working on verbal communication, he is confident he will be able to converse in Japanese. He has started working on writing and reading Japanese characters to help ease the tremendous amount of learning he will under go.**

ROTARACT REPORT for August 2016

Following is the list of what I have currently regarding Rotaract....

We have 3 Rotaract Clubs thus far, more to come!!

UNH Currently has 14 members sponsored by [Durham-Great Bay Rotary](#)

UNE - 83 members Saco Bay and Biddeford Saco co-sponsor

Bowdoin 18 members sponsored by Brunswick Coastal

Sheila and I have met once so far on August 3rd to formulate a beginning to a plan. We have decided to start with 3 schools each to begin and see how that goes. We will meet with pertinent persons at the schools and Rotary clubs in those areas.

Meanwhile, I will try to contact current clubs and see what I can do for them, what they might need, and what their current pans are for beginning of new term. I will attend the begining meetings of each club.

I will update when school starts and I can contact someone.

## **RYLA REPORT for August 2016**

**We had a very successful RYLA 2016 with 121 students attending the program. Having Rotary members along with Marge and the incoming presidents attend the final camp fire program provided a strong connection to Rotary values for all the campers and staff members.**

**In July, 8 of the RYLA staff led a ½ day program for the Friends Forever Program in Durham NH. This day brought together students from both Northern Ireland and Israel for a day of leadership strength training using experiential learning.**

**In August the RYLA staff has been putting together service projects in various areas from NH to Bethel as a way to keep spreading the Rotary values of service above self.**

**Planning for RYLA 2017 is underway. Staff members are compiling and producing material to give to clubs and school guidance departments on the value of Leadership programs for college admissions. This material is designed to help clubs find students so we can fill RYLA 2017 with 144 campers.**

**Planning with the Boy Scouts has begun, because 2017 will represent the opening of the new dining hall and facilities at Camp Hinds.**

**Eric Tarbox CEO of the BoyScouts Pinetree Council presented a certificate of appreciation to Phil Giordano and District 7780 for an outstanding RYLA camp experience. This was presented at their board of directors meeting in July.**

**For budget purposes with RYLA we are asking clubs to prepare for a price increase to \$375.00 per students and asking clubs to consider supporting 1 staff member for \$375.00 as well. Clubs that do not send students can still support the program in this way.**

**2017 will be another big year with RYLA the new High Ropes Course is being built in the spring to complement the low ropes COPEs course that Rotary funded in 2015. The course and the program is continuing to grow.**

**RYLA staff is planning to have interact club / RYLA training days. The staff is compiling a mini leadership course to bring to interact clubs to invite sophomores' to discover how RYLA and Interact supports leadership development.**

## YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT for August 2016

We are working with two students in the District. Anna Catgui will be the inbound student from Italy this year. She will be hosted by Traip Academy in Kittery, and we are excited to have her! At the same time, Michael Lombardi, a recent Traip Academy graduate, has deferred his acceptance to Bates College and will be our outbound RYE student. He will spend the year in Japan. The Portland Press Herald identified Michael as a Graduate to Watch from the Class of 2016 and profiled him in a feature article back in June. He is a remarkable young man, and the Rotary Club of Kittery is proud to be sponsoring him. We are eager to see what great work he does during his year as a RYE student.

Michael leaves for Japan on August 16th, and we are expecting Anna around August 13th.