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92 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

President Dorothy's Message

"Spring is a time for change and I'm ready! I've had enough of winter and cold weather. I look forward to green grass, 60+ degree days and my gardens pressing forward with new growth. This time of year is about transitions and change. As we leave winter behind, we look ahead to all the fun times, the amazing events and family gatherings. I penciled in the Rotary events happening this summer and yes, the calendar was suddenly very busy.

But there is another transition happening in our community that is also very exciting. I am honored to be part of the scholarship committee and last week we interviewed the students who applied for either a Leadership or Service scholarship. It is humbling to meet the amazing young people as they begin their next chapter in their lives. The essays they submitted, along with personal recommendations, are only part of the decision making process. It is the power of the personal interview that really impacts me. How a student looks on paper can only begin to tell their

story. It is exciting to listen to their lives, their challenges, their hopes and why they chose their dream school. The most difficult part for many of us on the committee? It's wishing we had enough scholarships for all the applicants, because how do you choose? I'm sure the members on the service committee will agree with me that it is always a difficult choice! But we do it.

One of the benefits of being Rotary President, is having the opportunity to also hear from students who were previously awarded a scholarship and are now graduating from college soon. They contact me with an update on their lives and the question of what do they need to do to receive their scholarship. Imagine,,,,, just having graduated and now they are ready to take the next step in their lives. We make a difference through the work we do and I am witness to it every day. Thank you for supporting the scholarship program, because it helps the students in Waldo County in ways we can't even begin to comprehend.



John Maxwell said, "Change is inevitable. Growth is optional." Being part of Rotary allows you to be part of the change. The growth you experience is a tremendous benefit.

Yours in service,
Dorothy Havey
Belfast Rotary President
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May Birthdays

- Patti Ann Lord – May 15
- Duke Marston – May 15
- Lee Woodward – May 15



Belfast Area Young Professionals Reaching Out!

Brandi Moore and Kristine Coleman attended our April 25th lunch to announce the new and exciting BAY PRO organization with a mission to create a culture of support for all young professionals across all career demographics in the Belfast area.

BAY PRO offers monthly networking events on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 5:30—7:30 pm.

We're delighted to have had Brandi and Kristine present at our meeting and hope they'll soon be regulars for Wednesday lunch!



Getting to Know Our Members

Manley Rogers took a turn with his reclassification talk on April 18th.

Accompanied by his family members, Manley shared a slide presentation of family photos and tales of his professional life in service of our country.

He is a 1950 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point and served in the US Army actively from 1945 to 1985. In 1967, Colonel Manley Rogers joined the staff at West Point and retired from his position of Director of Admissions in 1985.



May Programs

- 2 Robert MacKenzie
Opioid Recovery Initiative
- 9 Erik Heim
CEO, Nordic Aquafarms
- 16 Scholarship Presentations
- 23 Malcolm Brooks
Documentary Songwriting
- 30 Club Social

May Waiters

Charles Courant
Marjorie Crowley
Paul Doody
Beverly O'Malia
John O'Malia
Ben Pearson
Mickey Sirota

May Anniversaries

Tiffany Nemec –3 years
Bob Adler –3 years
Jane Strauss – 11 years
Mark Biscone – 29 years
Lee Woodward – 37 years

Rotarians on the Road

Visiting Rotarians in April:

Sherrie Wight – Old Town
Pat Cummings –Old Town

Our District Governor's Project: Wheelchairs for the Dominican Republic

By Eugene Pellerano

ELLSWORTH — A group of nine very tired Ellsworth Rotarians just returned from a wheelchair distribution trip in the Dominican Republic.

This trip was conceived months ago when a fellow Rotarian, Dr Marshall Smith, returned to Maine and shared his joy at having a school dedicated to him in the batey Como Quiera, where he helped bring free medical care to them for the last 30 years.

A batey is a housing area for the workers in the sugar cane fields. In most bateys the housing consists of small wood, block or concrete buildings, usually with steel corrugated roofs. Many still lack running water and electricity.

The Ellsworth Rotary, joined by the Bangor Breakfast Club, the Old Town Club, and the Plymouth, N.H., Club, raised enough funds to purchase a container of 115 wheelchairs. The wheelchairs were procured through the American wheelchair mission and

shipped on the group's behalf to the Dominican Republic.

The local Dominican La Romano Rotary Club, then working with the El Buen Samaritano Hospital in La Romano, provided storage for the chairs and ground support for the Ellsworth Rotarians. The Ellsworth Rotarians arrived on Tuesday, March 6, and spent the next three days in a van traveling the east side of the Dominican Republic. Over those three days the chairs were distributed to local Rotary Clubs, Lion Groups, disability rehabilitation centers, hospitals, clinics and individual recipients, as identified by the local Rotary groups, spreading the gift of mobility to those in need.

Recipient ages ranged from a 12-year-old young woman to a 95-year-old woman. In addition, Beanie Babies and soccer balls were distributed to youth along the way. Three Rotarians from Saguenay, Quebec, Canada, who were in the Dominican Republic to work on a house building project, rode along on Friday and pitched in with distributing the wheelchairs.

On Saturday, March 10, the Ellsworth Rotarians got to see the school named in honor of Dr. Smith at the batey Como Quiera. Using money raised by the Ellsworth Rotary Club, the hospital arranged a party for the children. A clown troupe provided entertainment, the hospital put together lunch for the children and Ellsworth Rotary handed out soccer balls and Beanie Babies to the assembled children of the batey.

In spite of the condition of the batey, the children seemed well nourished and healthy. We found out this was directly related to the La Romano Rotary and El Buen Samaritano Hospital personnel, who work endlessly to ensure the batey gets food and medical care on a regular basis.

The Ellsworth Rotarians raised the funds to pay for the wheelchairs during two annual pancake breakfasts, a Rotary International Grant Program and solicitation of private donations. The Rotarians paid their own way on this trip, including airfare, housing, food and local transporting of themselves and the wheelchairs.

The age of the traveling Rotarians on this trip spanned from 26 to 86 years old and each one can relate different moments in the trip when they felt they were "making a difference."

All concerned find this is a worthwhile endeavor and many Rotarians feel strongly enough to have participated in some, if not all four, wheelchair trips put together by the Ellsworth Rotary Club over the last four years.



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