# THE MONTHLY MUDDLE

Gilford Rotary Newsletter April 2026 Edition

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Rotarians,

What an incredible Winterfest weekend we put on! With snow on the ground, bonfires blazing, sleds flying, music playing, animals visiting, and great food as well as drinks flowing, our community truly showed up in the best possible way.

Because of the support of the club, we were able to raise $6,000 for charity, benefiting Camp Resilience and the Gilford Rotary - a wonderful example of what happens when a community comes together for family, farm, food, fun, and giving back.

A special thank you to June Hibbs for organizing the kids' activities, Shelley Carita for leading the silent auction, Rick for fantastic DJ duties, and Chris Ray for coordinating the parking team.

This incredible event was only possible because of the many dedicated volunteers and partners who came together to make it happen. We truly couldn't have done it without all of you.

The success of Winterfest warrants repeating as an annual club event, and truly fits into the upcoming Rotary International's 2026-2027 theme of "Create Lasting Impact."

Yours in Rotary,

**CHRIS**



*Left: The Cheryl Walsh Scholarship Fund received a donation for $2,500, from left to right is Sandy McGonagle, David Pereira, Carolyn Scattergood, Club President Chris Collias, and Bill Roderick*




*Above: Alley Boucher presented Club President Chris Collias with a check from Lakes Region Casino for $8,984.95*





*Left & below: Sharon Wells presented on living healthier, happier lives through fitness training, outdoor adventure programs, and creating wellness experiences*



*3 pictures below: Chantelle Moynihan-Rector (with Kristin O'Brien far left) spoke about her children's book, Max and Jules: How to Be Brave; this book is about how it is okay to be afraid, but you don't want fear to hold you back, and provides children with strategies on how to overcome those fears*







## CHARITABLE GAMING DONATION FOR 2026

The Gilford Rotary Club has received a check from the Lakes Region Casino in the amazing amount of $8,984.95.

Earlier this year, Lakes Region Casino designated 10 days where a portion from each of those days was donated to the club under charitable gambling.

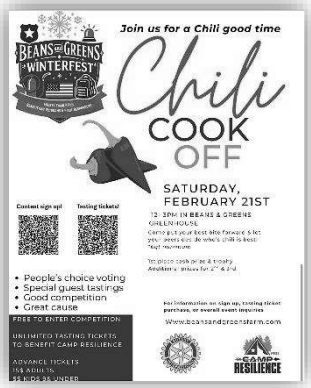
Our Club Service Chair Scott Kingsley also organized a social night during this 10 day period where Rotarians gathered, had dinner, then gambled and enjoyed each other's company.

Huge thank you goes to Alley Boucher and Brian Slipp for completing all the needed state paperwork in order for the club to participate in this opportunity.

## FEATURED SPOTLIGHT:

# ROTARY'S FIRST WINTERFEST EVENT







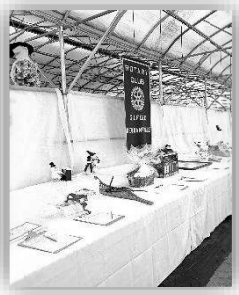
Winterfest was held on 2/21 and offered all day family fun full of high-energy, community-driven winter activities. This event was hosted at Beans & Greens and funds raised went to support Camp Resilience and the Gilford Rotary Club. The list of activities was extensive and included:

- Human Sled Dog Races
- Chili Cook-off Contest
- NH State Police K-9 Demo
- Biergarten
- Virtual Jukebox
- Live Music
- 50/50 Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Candy Cannon Launches
- Little Tikes Sledding Hill
- Kids Snow Games
- Kids Arts and Crafts
- Mobile Petting Zoo
- Campfire S'mores
- Giant Bonfire

There were also several sponsors for this event that included: Lakes Media who broadcasted live from the event; Belknap Landscape who provided for the bonfire; and Beacon Marine who assisted with the silent auction. These businesses deserve our deep appreciation for being a part of this amazing event. Al tremendous thank you also goes to all those Rotarians who planned, organized, and/or contributed in some way to make this day-long event a remarkable success!













*Below: Gilford Rotary Club volunteers at Hands Across The Table (HATT) on 2/4*






**Friday, April 3**
Speaker(s) will be Erin Jospe, CPO from Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, who will talk about homecare for individuals and families in the Lakes Region (https://lrvna.org)

**National Public Health Week from April 6 - 12**
This annual observation raises awareness and celebrates public health as well as encourages community action to improve health for all, learn more about NPHW at www.apha.org

**Friday, April 10**
Speaker(s) will be Michael Cortese, from NobleSpirit Rare Stamps, Coins, and Collectibles (www.noblespirit.com)

**Friday, April 17**
Speaker(s) will be announced

**Wednesday, April 22**
Board of Director's Meeting

**Friday, April 24**
Business Meeting

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