THE MONTHLY MUDDLE

Gilford Rotary Newsletter August 2026 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Rotarians,

The first Music in the Park event was a success! It shows a great beginning to the summer.

I would like to thank all involved, especially June and Anne.

August is shaping up to be a busy month with the Race Track, the annual Pancake Breakfast, and the Old Home Day float.

Thanks,
JOHN



Right: Clara Jude & family having their sweet baby boy baptized

Left: FB post promoting the 7/16 event (FB Reel)





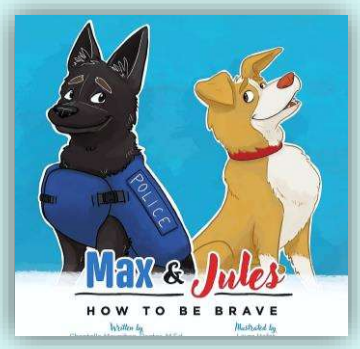
Above: Scott Dunn, retiring Town Administrator for Gilford, shared highlights from his tenure at a meeting



Left: Presenter Alan Himmer, President of the Ukraine Crisis Aid Group, learn more at www.ukrainecrisisaid.org

LATEST BOOK EDITION TO THE STORY WALK AT BEANS & GREENS

Beans & Greens is home to a Story Walk supported by the Gilford Rotary Club. A Story Walk is designed and intended to encourage reading, movement, and family fun. So bring the kids to stroll the trail, enjoy some fresh air, and follow the story one page at a time.



Below: DG Ruth Clough visited our club to learn about our projects and share her vision for this Rotary Year





Above: Guest speaker was a former foreign exchange student (2005-2006)

Below: Carol Deviny from the Alton Rotary Club visited us and was presented with the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Award by Russ Lunt & Club President John Jude





Above: Chris Collias, June Hibbs, & Linda Swenson installing the newest book for the Story Walk at Beans & Greens (FB Reel)

FEATURED SPOTLIGHT:

ROTARY IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



Above: Community project in progress

Below: Community project finished



Members of Gilford Rotary Club dedicated their time, provided needed materials, and applied considerable elbow grease to refurbish the flagpole as well as its brickwork near the town gazebo at Gilford Field. Being summertime, fresh new perennials were also planted to aid in beautifying the area, adding brightness and vibrance to this community project.

We greatly appreciate every Rotarian who contributed in the undertaking of this community project to its successful completion. Additionally we invite club members, along with their family and friends, to take some time this season to stop by the area, admire the beautiful work, and know that modest acts of service can make an impactful and lasting difference.



Left: At the Changing of the Gavel, incoming Club President John Jude presented the outgoing Club President Chris Collias with a PHF Award
Below: Alley Boucher, Chris Collias & Linda Swenson bestowed a PHF Award to Club Vice President June Hibbs

Below: Refurbished flagpole (FB Reel)





Below: Alley Boucher & Club President John Jude present Rick Hopper & Bill Klubben (center) with a PHF Award

Below from left-right: Bill Finethy, Jim Regato, John Beland, Russ Lunt, & Kurt Weber each received a PHF Award





Friday, August 7
Speaker(s) will be provided by Club Greeter Tony Balsamo

Friday, August 14
Speaker(s) will be provided by Club Greeter Shelley Carita

Friday, August 21
Speaker(s) will be John DeGroot & Russ Lunt on final updates for the upcoming race track weekend

Race Track 21, 22, & 23
Contact John DeGroot or Russ Lunt for more information and/or volunteer opportunities

Wednesday, August 26
Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, August 28
Club Business Meeting

Saturday, August 29
Annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast fundraiser serving The public between 7-10am at the Gilford Youth Center

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