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Gilford Rotary Newsletter June 2026 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Rotarians,

As my term as President comes to a close, I'll save most of my reflections for our Changing of the Gavel ceremony.

For now, I want to say that one of the most satisfying aspects of this year has been seeing the future of our club take shape. We are incredibly fortunate to have John Jude, Russ Lunt, and June Hibbs preparing to lead Gilford Rotary in the years ahead.

Each of them has been instrumental to our club's success, bringing leadership, dedication, and a genuine commitment to service. Their efforts have helped position our club for continued growth and impact.

I am excited about what lies ahead and look forward to supporting them as they lead Gilford Rotary to even greater heights.

Thank you all for making this such a memorable and rewarding year.

Yours in Rotary,

CHRIS

GES EARLY ACT CLUB POPSICLE DAY CELEBRATION

Early Act students celebrated a successful year of community and service by treating GES students and staff to some popsicles while playing at recess on a warm day!





On the right: lots of fun was had at the annual Blooms, Brews, & BBQs event held at Beans & Greens







On the left: Oliver Leandro shared his completed Eagle Scout project, a renovation of the courtyard near the Gilford Public Library

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

ANNE JALBERT



1. When did you join Rotary? Have you belonged to more than one club? **I joined Rotary on May 6, 2026 – on my birthday!! This is the first time I have been in a rotary club.**
2. How did you hear about Gilford Rotary? **I met June Hibbs at her Christmas sale and then saw her again at the Beans & Greens Winter Carnival (I was a human sled dog). I am also very good friends with Lisa Ford who was in Gilford Rotary for years but then moved away.**
3. What is your occupation? **I am a marketing research consultant and a Realtor with Maxfield Real Estate, and help buyers and sellers in the Lakes Region of NH.**
4. Where did you grow up? **I grew up in Manchester, NH and hiked in the White Mountains when I was little with my Dad.**
5. What are your hobbies? **My hobbies are hiking, bicycling, and learning. I am a curious person by nature and love to learn about new places and figure out new stuff.**
6. Unknown fact about you that no one in Rotary is likely to know? **I have never had the kind of career that makes vacations possible but someday I am buying a tear drop camper and driving all around the U.S. and Canada.**
7. Do you have any children and/or pets? **Yes, I have an amazing daughter, Kara (37 years old) who lives in Laconia, NH and works for SharkNinja, and my techy son, Cory (34 years old) who lives in Walpole, MA and works for Reddit!**
8. What makes you happy? **Big downhills on my bicycle, longs days in the woods with my girlfriends, fresh garden tomatoes, and hugs from family and friends.**
9. Best vacation ever? **Tough one, I don't vacation but I used to do a 5 day camping trip at White Lake Campground with my family and 10 other families from RI. That was pretty much the best time ever!**
10. Favorite saying? **" Life is Good!" Check out my license plate!**





Left: Chris Ray presents a donation check to a HATT board member Right: newest member, Anne Jalbert, being welcomed by Chris Collias, Carolyn Scattergood, Alley Boucher, June Hibbs, & Linda Swenson



Above: Gilford Rotarians representing the club at the District Conference



Above: Gilford Rotarians performing the spring roadside clean-up



Wednesday, June 24
Changing of the Gavel at 5:00pm, at the Winnipesaukee Yacht Club

Friday, June 26
NO Club Meeting due to the Changing of the Gavel event

Friday, July 3
NO Club Meeting due to the 4th of July holiday weekend

Friday, July 10
Speaker(s) will be provided by Club Greeter Kirk Beitler

Friday, July 17
Speaker(s) will be Donna Kuethe sharing her experience of a bicycle ride that went from San Diego, CA to St. Augustine, FL

Wednesday, July 22
Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, July 24
Club Business Meeting

Friday, July 31
Speaker(s) will be provided by Club Greeter Marilyn Bolduc

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