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Gilford Rotary Newsletter June 2026 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Rotarians,

As we head into the month of May, excitement is building for Blooms, Brews & BBQs! This annual event has become such a wonderful showcase of fellowship, community spirit, and the energy that makes the Gilford Rotary Club so special.

A special thank you goes to Bill Klubben, Chris Ray, June Hibbs, and Rita Pierce for stepping up in such a big way to help lead this effort. Their dedication and hard work have been incredible. And of course, thank you to our entire club for pitching in and supporting another important fundraiser for our community.

On a personal note, it's a little bittersweet knowing this will be my last major fundraiser as President. Serving this club over the past year has been such a rewarding and meaningful experience, and I'm deeply grateful to everyone who has helped make it so memorable.

I'm looking forward to celebrating together and finishing the Rotary year strong! Thank you all!

Yours in Rotary,

CHRIS

GES EARLY ACT CLUB MAY BASKET PROJECT

Early Act students learned about May basket traditions and made May baskets for every one of the residents in Gilford Village Knolls.

They saw many smiles of joy as they left handmade May baskets filled with candy on doorsteps.























MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

JASON TAYLOR



1. When did you join Rotary? Have you belonged to more than one club? **I joined Rotary in April of 2026 and have not belonged to another club.**
2. How did you hear about Gilford Rotary? **Over the last 5+ years my family and I have been coming to Gilford, and we saw the things the Rotary was doing in town which greatly peaked my interest in being able to give back to such an amazing community.**
3. What is your occupation? **My primary occupation is as an Independent Financial Advisor. Additionally, my wife and I own a short term rental as well as buy and sell vintage items.**
4. Where did you grow up? **I grew up in Rumford, Rhode Island.**
5. What are your hobbies? **My hobbies are beekeeping and refurbishing all sorts of old items.**
6. Unknown fact about you that no one in Rotary is likely to know? **I have been in recovery for alcohol use with 14 years plus of sobriety and my anniversary date is on April Fool's Day.**
7. Do you have any children and/or pets? **Yes, my daughter Sofia age 8, our dog Goose, 20 chickens and many bees!**
8. What makes you happy? **Being with my wife and daughter! Also, walks in the woods and learning about many random topics.**
9. Best vacation ever? **My wife and I were married in Ischia, Italy on 9/15/2011. We spent several weeks traveling throughout this magnificent country. It was truly a magical experience!**
10. Favorite saying? **"If you're going to do something, do it right, or don't bother doing it at all."**



Above: We are pleased to welcome Jason Taylor to our club, from left to right, Sandy McGonagle, Jason Taylor, Alley Boucher, Russ Lunt, Carolyn Scatteraood, & Linda Swenson





Above: President Chris Collias presents a check for Operation Smile to GHS students while Chris Ray accepts a check on behalf of Camp Resilience



Left: Presenter Nikki Lyons Lahey from the Make-A-Wish Foundation
Right: Presenter Michael Cortese from Noble Spirit Stamps, Coins & Collectibles





Friday, June 5
Speaker(s) will be Alan Himmer talking about emergency medical, military medical, and ambulance replacement in Ukraine

Friday, June 12
Speaker(s) will be provided by Christine Holmes

Friday, June 19
Speaker(s) will be provided by Shelley Carita

Wednesday, June 24
Changing of the Gavel at 5:00pm, anticipated to be once again at the Winnipesaukee Yacht Club



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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Board of Director's Meeting and NO Business Meeting for the month of June

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