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Gilford Rotary Newsletter November 2025 Edition

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Rotarians,

It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and fellow Rotarian, **Nancy Carlson**. Nancy's dedication, warmth, and unwavering service touched every corner of our club and our community. We are deeply saddened by her loss and will miss her profoundly.

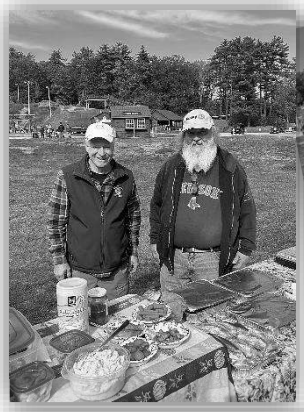
As we honor her legacy, I encourage each of you to support our **November Polio Eradication Funding Drive**. Rotary International's theme this year **"Unite for Good"** reminds us that when we unite in purpose, our collective impact becomes extraordinary. Eliminating polio remains one of Rotary's most important missions, and your contributions this month will help carry that mission forward.

We also have a busy and meaningful month ahead: preparing for our **Senior Dinner** and gearing up for our annual **Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale—**two traditions that reflect the very best of who we are.

Thank you, in advance, for continuing to choose **Service Above Self** as we move into this season of giving. Your dedication is what makes our club such a vibrant and growing force for good in Gilford and beyond.

With appreciation,

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15 Rotary Exchange Students enjoyed a day at Gunstock, where lunch was provided for them along with the chaperone members and exchange student leaders by Gilford Rotary. Thank you to Jim Sherman and John DeGroot for organizing and providing the lunch as well as to Alley Boucher, Sandy McGonagle, and Kathleen Sherman for providing the sweet desserts that everyone loved! A special shout-out to John McGonagle, who stepped up to help John at the event and with cleanup afterward - truly embodying the Rotary spirit of service above self.





POLIO PLUS SOCIETY

Every November, Rotary Clubs from around the globe unite in a collective effort to gather and raise funding to eradicate Polio throughout the world.

Gilford Rotary participates each year by contributing donations as a club, with some Rotarians becoming active members of the Polio Plus Society.

Alley Boucher will be at club meetings collecting contributions, as well as having checks made out to The Rotary Foundation and mailed to the following address:

Alice Boucher
2 Dockham Shore Road
Gilford, NH 03249



REMEMBERING NANCY CARSEN

Our fellow Rotarian, Nancy Carsen, passed away on October 24, 2025 after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer and just a few months shy of her 80th birthday. In 1974, Nancy and her husband Roy (who she married in 1965) moved to Gilford. There, they built a thriving life and family alongside many friends, and eventually in their later years they moved to Laconia.

Nancy worked for many years as the secretary at St. James Church in Laconia. She was a longtime member of the Gilford Rotary Club and the Gilford Community Church, as well as an enthusiastic volunteer at Hands Across the Table (HATT). Nancy enjoyed skiing at Gunstock, boating, hiking, traveling, flying, and above all being "Nonnie" to her four grandchildren.

For those wishes to attend, there will be a celebration of life held at the Gilford Community Church on Saturday, November 22nd beginning at 11:00am. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations in Nancy's name may be made to Hands Across the Table (HATT), P.O. Box 6553, Laconia, NH 03247.

Nancy was an incredibly compassionate and truly giving person as well as an amazing and dedicated Rotarian. She was always willing to lend a helping hand, contribute what was needed, and frequently gave of herself in so many countless ways. Nancy will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who were blessed to have known her and to have her be a part of their lives.



Please join us in welcoming our newest Rotarian, Scott Laliberte, who was inducted into our club by Gilford Rotarians pictured from left to right: Sandy McGonagle, John Beland, Alley Boucher, new Rotarian Scott Laliberte, and Club President Chris Collias







Jim Rogato (right) was all decked out for Halloween as he introduced his daughter Jenna Rogato (left) who spoke at a club meeting on EMDR Psychotherapy



Friday, November 7
Speaker(s) will be Alan Graustein talking about Rwanda

Friday, November 14
Speaker(s) will be presenting on Mobile Integrated Healthcare & Community Paramedicine

Wed., November 19
Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, November 21
Business Meeting



Friday, November 28
NO MEETING ~ TREE SALE TO START THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, November 29
Annual Tree Sale at Fireside Inn

Sunday, November 30
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