# THE M☸NTHLY MUDDLE

Gilford Rotary Newsletter November 2026 Edition

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Rotarians,

As we turn the calendar to November, we can finally put away the Halloween decorations, say goodbye to the spooky season, and take a welcome breath as another election season comes to an end!

November is a wonderful time to slow down, reflect, and appreciate the many good things in our lives. As Thanksgiving approaches, I am especially grateful for the wonderful members of the Gilford Rotary Club. Your time, dedication, generosity, and willingness to lend a helping hand are what make our club so special.

Rotary is all about service, friendship, and making a difference in our community. Whether through our projects, fundraisers, or simply supporting one another, each of you plays an important part in what we accomplish together.

As we gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving, let us remember how fortunate we are to be part of such a caring community. Thank you for everything you do and for continuing to make Gilford Rotary a club we can all be proud of.

Wishing you and your families a happy, healthy, and wonderful Thanksgiving!

Yours in Rotary,
JOHN

END POLIO NOW

## POLIO PLUS CAMPAIGN

Our Club's Polio Plus Campaign began last Friday (11/06) and on that day alone over $2,700 was raised to help children from getting this dreadful disease, that is nearly half of the $6,000 goal that was raised last year!

**NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!**

Every dollar will help children get the vaccines they need, and donations will be collected up until 12/11 (collecting extended due to no club meeting at the end of Nov).

Cannot make it to a Club meeting?
You can send your donations to:

Alice Boucher
2 Dockham Shore Rd
Gilford, NH 03249




*John Beland was a recent presenter sharing about his trip to Portugal he took with his wife*




*Above & bottom left: Lt. Carlson of the Laconia Police Department gave a tour of their Mobile Command Post*








*10 Rotary Youth Exchange students visited Gunstock Mountain Resort Adventure Park, enjoying the treetop adventure course, the zipline, and the mountain coaster, followed by lunch provided by the Gilford Rotary Club*

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

# AMY DALEY



1. When did you join Rotary? Have you belonged to more than one club? I joined the Gilford Rotary Club on October 30, 2026.
2. How did you hear about Gilford Rotary? I learned about Gilford Rotary from my neighbor Kevin Keohan and my friend June Hibbs. Seeing Kevin's community work inspired me to get involved, and after enjoying our collaboration with the Children's Fund, I was excited to join June at Rotary!
3. What is your occupation? I retired in 2025 after 35 years in the Property & Casualty insurance industry. I spent most of my career focusing on insurance for the education and healthcare sectors. Now I spend my time volunteering for our community – I am on the Board, Community Engagement Committee, and the Business Relations Committee for the Greater Lakes Region Children's Fund as well as the Finance & Risk and Gardening Committees at Prescott Farm, and I am a Big Sister to a young girl in Laconia.
4. Where did you grow up? I grew up in Michigan and stayed through college, and then moved to Chicago, Kansas City, Connecticut, and then Rhode Island before moving to Gilford a little over three years ago.
5. What are your hobbies? I love spending time outdoors, especially staying active with my high-energy Vizsla, Maisy – whether we're hiking, running, biking, or swimming. I also enjoy shopping!
6. Unknown fact about you that no one in Rotary is likely to know? I have a twin sister.
7. Do you have any children and/or pets? I have two girls – Abby (24 years old; an ICU nurse in Chicago) and Mary (22 years old; a senior at Macalester College in Minnesota who will be attending Physical Therapy school after she graduates).
8. What makes you happy? Being outside, staying busy, and helping others!
9. Best vacation ever? My favorite vacation was a trip to Italy when my oldest daughter graduated from college.
10. Favorite saying? Keep moving!!!







*Right: Welcome to Amy Daley, sponsored by Kevin Keohan, and inducted by Alley Boucher and Carolyn Scattergood*

*Below: A huge THANK YOU goes out to our Gilford Rotarians who volunteered for the annual fall roadside clean-up last month*






**Friday, November 6**
Speaker(s) will be Caroline Hughes, Loon Preservation Committee Outreach Coordinator & Biologist (www.loon.org)

**Friday, November 13**
Speaker(s) will be Jeanine Mukarubega, Rwanda Children's Educational Foundation (RCEF) Founder & Executive Director (www.rwandacef.org)

**Wed, November 18**
Board of Director's Meeting

**Thursday, November 19**
Wreath Decorating Party, contact Kevin for details at 508-517-6604

**Friday, November 20**
Club Business Meeting

**Saturday, November 21**
Arrival & Set-up of Trees




**Friday, November 27**
No Club Meeting - **Tree Sale Starts This Weekend**

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