



# Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale

Chartered 1923 Rotary International District 7780



## Winter Newsletter



### Recent meetings:

November 14  
Ray Parent, Southern Maine Regional Veterans' Cemetery

November 21  
Chelsea Fitton, Communications Director, Friends Forever

November 28 (Thanksgiving)  
no meeting

November 29  
Rotary Children's Holiday Party

December 5  
Club Assembly

December 12  
Maura Herlihy, former Mayor of Sanford

December 19  
Sanford High School Choir

December 26 (Christmas)  
no meeting

January 2  
"Rotary Predicts 2014"

January 9  
Southern Maine Re-Entry Center  
Rebecca Tryon

January 16  
Leo Rogers, York County EMA

### Upcoming meetings:

January 23  
TBA

January 30  
No morning meeting  
Come to our evening social



in our community

### 2013 Annual Rotary Children's Holiday Party

Dennis Ng, master illusionist, delights the audience of Rotarians and their families. The images speak for themselves.

Friday, November 29, 2013

## Upcoming events:

### Mark your calendars -

Evening Social (Town Club)  
Thursday, January 30, 2014  
5:30 p.m.

John Ford, a Sanford native, author and Maine State Game Warden, will be our featured speaker. Invite prospective members and friends to find out what Rotary is all about.

Mid-Year Leadership Dinner  
Monday, January 27, 2014  
5:00 p.m.  
Fireside Inn, Portland, ME

Board of Directors  
Monday, February 3, 2014  
Trafton Center, Sanford  
7:30 a.m.

World Understanding & Peace Dinner  
Saturday, February 22, 2014  
"The Frugal Feast"  
Woodfords Congregational Church  
Portland, ME

Rotary Leadership Institute  
Saturday, March 1, 2014  
York County Community College  
Wells, ME



### Wow - there really is a Santa Claus!

Sanford-Springvale Rotarians Arline Fortier, Jackie Roberts, Jeff Rowe, Shawn Sullivan, and (the guy in the red suit) helped the Kiwanis Club of Sanford to throw a Christmas party for local families in need and to provide children with warm winter clothes.



### *Christmas Angels*

The Christmas Angel gifts were delivered on Sunday, December 22nd. Each family was overwhelmed by the amount of gifts, sincerely appreciative, and so incredibly happy that we thought so much of them to do this.

The 6 year old girl was waiting in her pajamas when we got there and immediately said to her mother and father "Santa Claus could come this year!" since they must have tried to tell her they didn't think he was going to be able to come to their house. The mom had tears of happiness and the Dad could not thank us enough. The single woman with the speech disability struggled with all her heart to thank us and tell us how much the food card and meant as she "was low on food" and she could make \$100.00 last a long time. The family with the Dad that recently returned from the service and challenges from that said this was going to be a very special Christmas because of our kindness and the children being able to have gifts was a gift to them. The Dad was not able to be in the room while we were there because of his challenges but kept shouting thank you, thank you from another room. The family that had been living in a garage is now in a warm Sanford Housing Authority apartment. The dad was there when we arrived and began to cry. He bowed to us over and over as way to say thank you in his culture and shook our hands over and over. Thank you to everyone for participating in this annual tradition of over 20 years that brings hope and the knowledge that people care to those who have had severe misfortunes in their lives.

by Kim LaChance

# Rotary



### Rotary Anniversaries

Dick Bergeron	31 years
Linda Brown	26 years
Rex Farrer	26 years
Jim Gulnac	13 years
Joe Hanslip	9 years
Al Hebb	2 years
Sandy Kendall	27 years
Andy Orazio	12 years
Keith Patterson	12 years
Wes Phinney	35 years
John Rivard	16 years
Jackie Roberts	16 years
Shawn Sullivan	16 years

service above self

## Directors

President  
Sallie Chandler

Co-President  
Arnie Chandler

President Elect  
Heather Matlosz

Treasurer  
Barbara Sutcliffe

Secretary  
Danielle Treadwell

Immediate Past President  
Jackie Roberts

Club Administration  
Patsy Aprile

Community Service  
Arline Fortier

Foundation  
Mark Mickeriz

International Services  
Keith Patterson

Literacy  
Shawn Sullivan

Membership  
Andy Orazio

Public Relations  
Mary Ann Ratteree

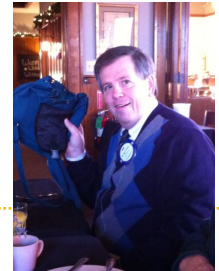
Youth Activities  
John Caramihalis



The Sanford High School Chorus with Director, Jane Curtin providing some holiday cheer. Click photo above to start movie.

### Rotarians giving week-in and week-out

Rotarian Rex Farrer makes his contribution to the "Backpack Project." Over \$200 was collected during a recent meeting, setting a new record!



### Election of Future Officers

The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers for club approval. Our club unanimously approved the nominations.

2014-15 Heather Matlosz

2015-16 Shawn Sullivan

2016-17 Barbara Sutcliffe

*Nomination Committee members: John Caramihalis, Kim LaChance, Elias Thomas, John Rivard, Linda Kay Brown*

### Our club supports Rotary projects around the world -

- \$2,000      India Global Grant
- \$ 600      Lac Megantic Christmas
- \$1,000      District Cultural Exchange - Uganda

### January is Rotary Awareness Month!

RI asks us to think of ways to boost our club's visibility in our community this month, but it will be difficult to top Shawn Sullivan's Sanford News column "Wondering what Rotary does? The answer is all around you." which appeared in the January 2nd edition. Great job, Shawn!

Read [Shawn Sullivan's article](#) online.

## Did you know?

Elias Thomas's \$38,000 global grant application to build check dams in Rajasthan and Haryana, India was approved by TRF in December. His international team of Rotarians leaves in February for a three-week mission trip which includes an NID. Awesome work, Elias.

