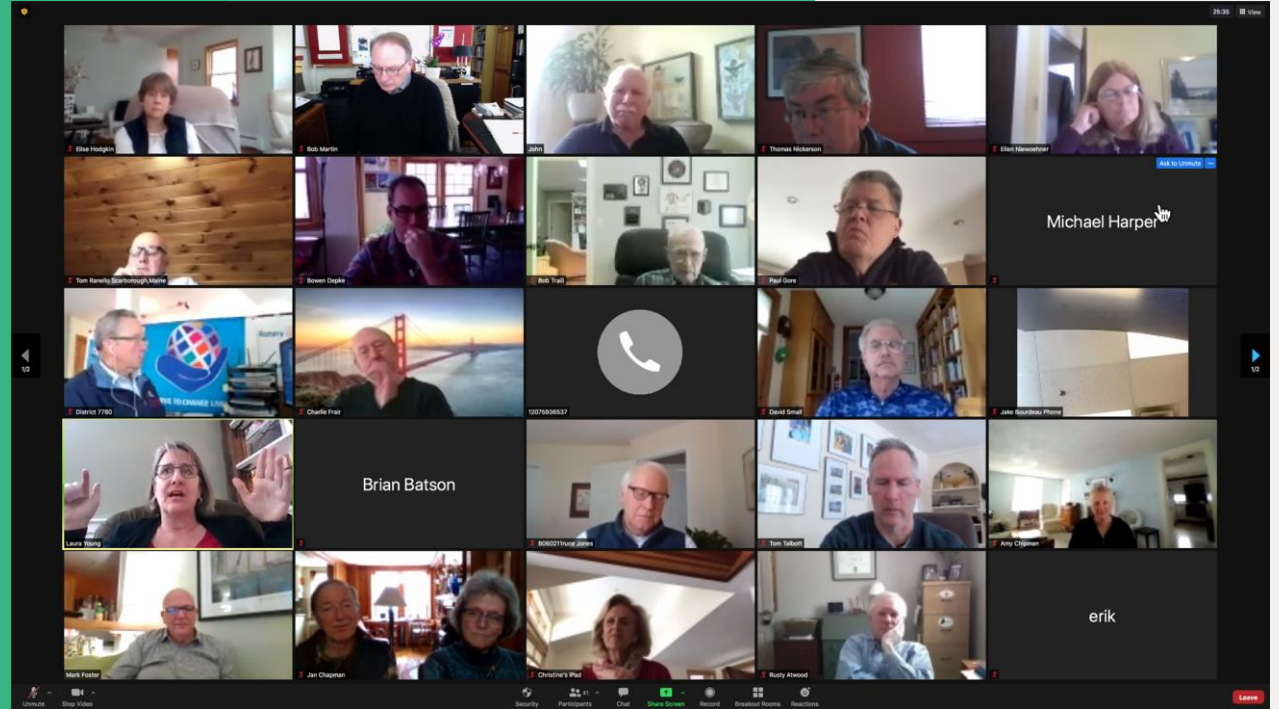


**Rotary**  
District 7780



# News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS  
SERVICE, FUNDRAISING AND  
CELEBRATIONS  
APRIL 1, 2021





## Bethel

The Club's Annual Yard Sale & Auction is scheduled for August 10-16, 2021 in Bethel. It is the one event we organize each year to raise funds for the scholarships we award to graduating seniors going on to post secondary college, university and/or vocational training.

The Rotarians that helped at the furniture moving were: Pat Roma, Steve Wight, Mac McConathy, Scott Parker, Scott Hynek & Antje Schaefer.







## Biddeford-Saco

The Biddeford Saco Rotary Club hosted an Open House to showcase another renovated house we jointly ventured with Biddeford High School Center of Technology. This house had been foreclosed on by the City of Biddeford for unpaid taxes. The City contacted the Biddeford Saco Rotary Club and asked us if we would be interested in another joint venture with the students enrolled in the Center of Technology. This gives the students an opportunity to put their classroom skills to work in an actual building. This includes carpentry, plumbing, electrical, excavation, roofing, siding, sheetrock, installation of doors and windows. Every aspect of construction from the ground up to handing the keys over to the new owner. The Club's work team was visited by DG Peggy during the Open House. The house is under contract and was expected to close mid March.





## Boothbay Harbor

The Club has made, packaged and delivered over 600 pints of soup this winter to the Boothbay Region Food Pantry as part of the District 7780 Food Insecurity grant we received. We also made 200 mini gift bags at Christmas and again at Valentine's Day for the children at the Food Pantry and for our local backpack program, "Food for Thought". Lastly, a new speaker series called "Meet the Family" features family members from around the world. All have been fun, covid safe projects that we can accomplish while social distancing. More about our Club's activities at [boothbayharborrotary.org](http://boothbayharborrotary.org).







# Bridgton-Lake Region

## Scholarships, Children's Clothing and More

Local student Anthony Engelhardt was presented a \$500.00 scholarship by Club President Julie Forbes, assisted by Rotarian Erin Nelson from corporate member, Norway Savings Bank. Anthony has successfully completed his first semester at Southern Maine Community College where he is pursuing a major in cyber-security and considering continuing in this field at a 4-year university.

Rotarians Nick Orgo and Aaron Hagan presented winter boots for students at the Stevens Brook Elementary School. More about these and other Club projects at <https://www.facebook.com/BridgtonLakeRegionRotary>



## Dover

This month, the Club partnered with Woodman Park, Garrison Elementary and Horne Street School. We wore our Dr. Seuss hats and read to the students through the “Read Across America” Literacy program.

It was a little different this year. In past years we read in-person at the elementary schools. Reading to the students virtually allowed us to still participate. The children choose their favorite Dr. Seuss book. Both the kindergarten students at Woodman Park and the 3rd graders at Horne Street picked “Green Eggs & Ham”.

We love to spend time with the kids in our community. 📖





## Exeter

The Exeter Rotary Club was the lead donor in the Southern District YMCA Annual Campaign with a \$1,000 generous gift! They were genuinely thanked by the Y, "It is this kind of community partner support that keeps the Y thriving and able to provide services to those who need it most." Bob Hamilton, Club President, will be in a spotlight story soon. "We are so grateful for Bob and the Exeter Rotary Club!"

Look for more info, coming soon  
**OUTSTANDING WINE COLLECTIONS RAFFLE.**  
Exclusive wines to benefit Exeter 's local projects.  
Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold - between  
April 13 & May 3.







## Ogunquit

In a moving ceremony on March 16<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Joe Boyle presented Vickie Russell and Susan DeQuattro Arrand, Rotary Club of Ogunquit President, with Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledging their substantial contributions to Rotary. The Rotary Club of Ogunquit congratulates Vickie and Susan for this great honor! <https://www.facebook.com/TheRotaryClubOfOgunquit>.

The single individual photo is Club President Susan DeQuattro Arrand. The other is Susan, Dr. Joe Boyle and Vickie Russell (left to right).





# Oxford Hills

- January was vocational service month. Club Vocational Service Director Dan Hart coordinated several community leaders as speakers to join us via Zoom to share their vocational service. *Vocational Service* calls on us to empower others by using our unique skills and expertise to address community needs, and help others acquire or refine skills and advance their professional opportunities. Dan has also been scheduling both new and seasoned Club members to share or re-share their classification talks.
- The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills recently hosted a member from the Rotary Club of Oxford North in Oxford, England via a club Zoom meeting. Their Club started a 'walking tour of Oxfords of America' and are trying to 'virtually' visit as many 'Oxford' Clubs as possible. They are treating it as a fundraiser to support a local hospice house. It was great to have Alan Godfrey along with their Club President Graham Shelton 'visit' us.

Shown Left To Right: Dan Hart, Club Vocational Service Director, Norway Police Chief Rob Federico, Co-VP Abbie Earle, Norway Fire Chief Dennis Yates, and Co-PE Peter Kaurup.



## Sebago Lake

The Sebago Lake Rotary Club sponsored its 20th Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Feb 20-21 with outstanding results. Over 1,000 registrants brought in over 2500 fish which were processed by Nova Seafood in Portland, flash frozen and delivered to food pantries in the area which will provide approx. 3,000 meals.

The derby was first created to help the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife with their fish management by removing the invasive species of togue (Lake Trout) and Pike from Sebago Lake. It now includes all of Cumberland County and more species of fish for prizes such as Perch and Pickerel as well as Togue and Pike.

This year's new Gold Sponsor was General Dynamics/Bath Iron Works which provided the cash fish pool prizes.

There were 3 winners in each category, togue, pike, perch and pickerel. Pictured is 1st – for togue at 10.78 lb/32", Greg MacIntosh.

A 50/50 component raised over \$4000 and will benefit organizations that support wildlife conservation efforts and the Salvation Army. Pictured Club President Elect Mark Morrison deliveries \$5000 to the Salvation Army. For more information on this event, go to: <https://www.sebagolakerotary.org/>







# Portland

The Pandemic has forced the Club to meet virtually since March of 2020. As a consequence, we have not been able to share personal stories, greet each other with a warm handshake, or enjoy the company of other members. Club member Bowen Depke moderated a club assembly earlier this month designed to mitigate that. He noted he missed “being able to beat the raffle odds called *PTG*, find my badge in the sea of badges, see Loretta’s welcoming smile, try to find an empty seat at a lunch table, or make new friends at a meeting.” Other members shared as well.

For more “Bits & Pieces,” subscribe to the Club’s newsletter, the Windjammer. Bob Martin is the Managing Editor. [BobMartinMaine@gmail.com](mailto:BobMartinMaine@gmail.com)





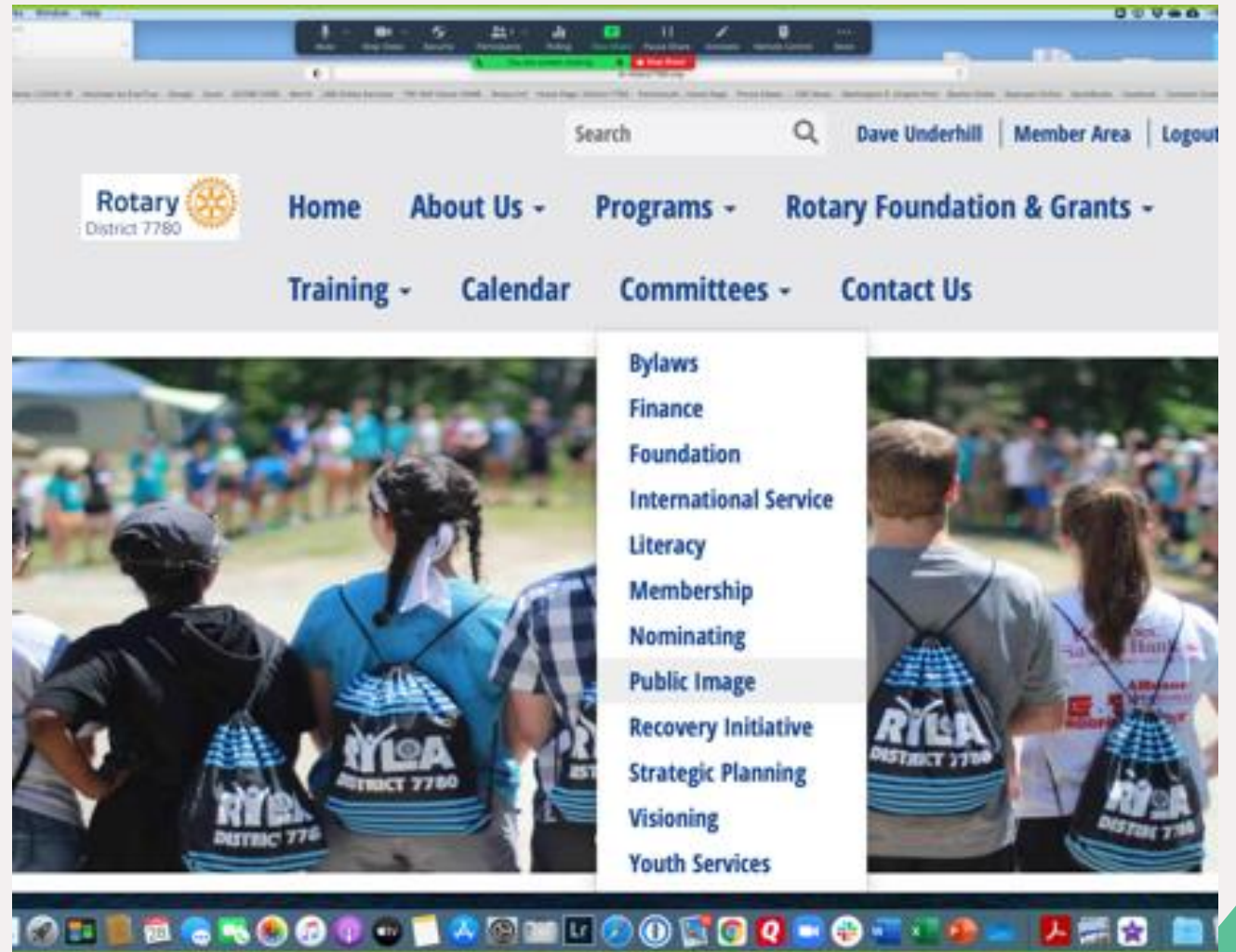
## District PR/Image Chair

### Creating a Brochure

Now that there is light at the end of the tunnel on the pandemic, you may wish to prepare for times when we can once again gather. Creating a brochure to hand out at events is easier than you think: visit the

Public Image committee section of the District's website for instructions as well as samples that may prove helpful. Michelle

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