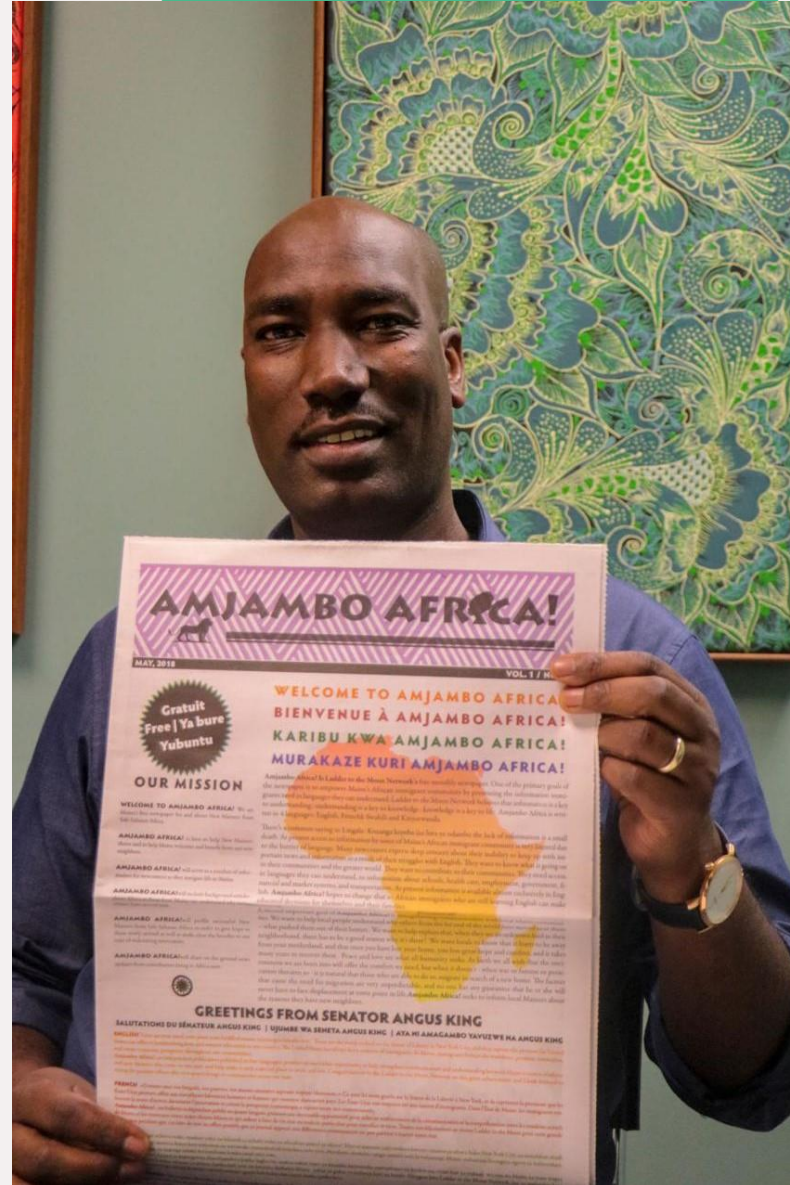


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# News from the Clubs

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





## Bridgton-Lake Region

The Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club is matching the first \$10,000 in donations made by individuals, businesses and nonprofits in their area during July and August to support the Magic Lantern Innovation Lab Project. Being developed by the University of Maine and the 4H Foundation, this project will benefit the youth of our region as well as others and is one of the biggest projects of this Clubs' history.

The goal of this project is to increase the educational opportunities for youth and the community. The programs will focus on creative learning, career opportunities, internships, and UMaine research-based curriculum. The plan is to utilize the spaces at the Magic Lantern for special presentations, programs and events in partnership with local businesses, nonprofits and schools. FMI go to <https://lakeregionrotary.com>. Pictured President Jessica Putnam and Rotary Project Leader Dave Barker.







## Damariscotta-New Castle

Eight businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals were recognized, though the use of a story telling format, by Marianne Pinkham, Club Foundation Chair, as Paul Harris Fellows at the changeover event. Lots of happy people in the area.

As part of the evening's festivities William "Billy" Claflin was inducted as the Rotary Club of Damariscotta – Newcastle's 2021 - 2022 President. Club Secretary and Assistant District Governor Lorraine Farherty received outgoing President Roberta "Berta" McLaughlin's "Stepping Up" award.





## Dover

With the screech of an air horn to end the evening Women's League golf event, the outdoor celebration of Gregg Dowty's year as President moved inside the club house where members and guests were welcomed. With the annual golf tournament taking place that week, Gregg extended his thanks to Kathy Fink, the Golf Committee and all who participated in the brutally hot game.

President Gregg's "Wizardly" Year End Comments described 2020-21 as "an amazing year"- we set a goal of completing 8 service projects and ended up with 28! The club exemplified Service Above Self during a challenging year, stayed connected and committed.

Last month then President Elect Jim Munro presented 10 Paul Harris Awards to Rotarians, two +1's to Donna Rinaldi and Malcolm McNeill, and a +6 to Dick Clark.

We had the opportunity to meet and learn about Katrina Breen, who was the Scholarship Recipient for the Megan DeColfmacker 4-year scholarship. She's amazing!

A Rotary Open House was held on July 7th at the [Woodman Museum](#) starting at 4:30pm. FMI go to [www.doverrotary.com](http://www.doverrotary.com).







## Oxford Hills

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills has had a busy July. We started the month with our “Lobster for Scholars” Fundraiser. Then on July 17 we had our annual Yard Sale. (We netted over \$2300. Goes to show you that some peoples’ trash is another’s trophy.) On July 24 many members and guests went to see the Seadogs “Red Snapper Night “ and the fireworks after the game. Now we are selling tickets for the 35th Annual Lobster Fest to be held August 21 (drive thru, pick up). “FMI and tickets contact Peter Kaurup at 207-739-1148 or [pkaurup@gmail.com](mailto:pkaurup@gmail.com).” Stay Well!

Outgoing President Lynn Schott presented her outgoing Board of Directors with license plate covers that say Oxford Hills Rotary.





# Portland

A recent speaker at the Portland Club was Georges Budagu Makoko, the founder of *Ladder to the Moon Network* and co-founder of *Amjambo Africa*. Georges was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and moved to Rwanda in 1994 due to political unrest in his country. He came to the United States in 2002, where he sought and received asylum. In the July 14 issue of Windjammer, read more about this courageous man and his work in Maine to assist other immigrants and to inform Mainers of the plight in his part of the world.

[WINDJAMMER | July 14, 2021 \(Jul 14, 2021\) \(portlandrotary.org\)](http://portlandrotary.org)

In an effort to encourage diversity in our membership, our Club offers membership dues at half price to those under 30 and to recent immigrants.

What is your club doing to increase diverse membership?







## Portland Sunrise

Project Title - Addressing Insufficiencies at the ICU of National Hospital Abuja, Nigeria.

Project Objective - To rapidly respond to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic by addressing insufficiencies within the ICU of the National Hospital Abuja with equipment that can be readily deployed and aid in the treatment of COVID patients.

Items included in this grant:

1. Two units of Genrui WP21BE Semi Automated Chemistry Analyzer; 2. Huge supplies of reagents to run on the two pieces of equipment; 3. A unit of Uninterrupted Power Supply system (UPS) to avoid sudden power outages avoiding damage to equipment; 4. An electrical extension cable for connectivity; 5. Training of staff on proper use as well as care of machines. They in turn are able to train others.

This grant was a stepping stone to a global grant to create a fully equipped portion of the hospital and transform it into a functional Infectious Disease Unit (IDU) that will cater to highly infectious conditions during and after the pandemic. The project helps to ensure the sustainability of disease prevention and treatment and long-term economic impact as the trainees provide a higher quality of service in Nigeria, and patients are receiving quality services with great joy. FMI, contact Ann Lee Hussey at [AnnLee001@yahoo.com](mailto:AnnLee001@yahoo.com).





## Sanford-Springvale

The Hazen Carpenter Trail, a loop that circles Deering Pond, was dedicated on Thursday, July 1, with about 30 people in attendance. The Trail is the result of five years of work by members of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club and the Mousam Way Land Trust. Mr. Carpenter, a lifelong resident of Springvale, was also honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest recognition that Rotary International bestows. Pictured in the photo, from left to right, are Cassandra Moser, Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club President; Diane Gerry, Past President; Hazen Carpenter; Rotarian Lawrence Furbish; and Dr. Bud Johnston of Mousam Way Land Trust. From the "Sanford Springvale News"





## S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth

For over 30 years, the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club has awarded \$1,000 each to students who demonstrate exceptional service both in their school and community. The name of the scholarship is the Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Service Above Self Scholarship, which has a long-standing mission to acknowledge good character. This year's recipients in Cape Elizabeth are Julia Torre, Swetha Palaniappan, Hannah Liess, Finn McQueeney, Lila Gaudrault, Jinya Fisher-LaPlante. The South Portland recipients are Connor Dobson, Fiona Stawarz, Kyle Rand. Also included is Sasha Garland-Dore from Connections Academy. Sasha is a resident of Cape Elizabeth.





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