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Club News

Rotary
District 7780



Bridgton-Lake Region

The Great Bridgton Duck Race is now our biggest fundraiser. Having been around for 26 years, it is a 4th of July tradition. People and families come year after year to see the race and to buy tickets.

To view something of the event, check out our website at <https://lakeregionrotary.com> Lake Region Television featured it and the parade in a video and a Press Herald digital issue reporter interviewed President Dr. Lisa Ryan and DG Emma Bodwell for a great story about this fundraiser.



Team leader and head duck
Rotarian Aaron Hagan at the Great
Bridgton Duck Race on July 4.
(Courtesy of Emma Bodwell)

Dover

Thanks to our Dover Rotarians & friends - Ram , Frank, Cathy, Mark, Beth & Bob for coming out on Saturday morning to help out with July's - Don't Trash Dover community cleanup event. Total of 24 people filled 8+ bags with litter in just 60 minutes.



Recently we honored our Rotarians as Paul Harris Fellows: Past President Harry presented Kathy Fink and Jay Stephens with Paul Harris Plaque 2 recognition for their \$3,000 plus donations to the Foundation and for supporting Dover Rotary initiatives.

Members of the Rotary Club of Dover got together to partner with Abby Lamothe of Seacoast Sweet Stitches to make mittens for our unhoused neighbors on the Seacoast. We learned the process of cutting the material and then sewing the fleece pieces together. Looking forward to helping this organization grow as we all love helping others.



Exeter

Friday, July 11th Exeter Rotary held Cross-over at Stratham Hill Park. ***Julia Lanter*** received her ***past-president*** pin and handed over the gavel to ***incumbent President Robert Mitchell***. Robert gave a speech listing a hefty year with projects and club growth.

A few of the projects listed are Scholarships for Seacoast School of Technology, Exeter High School and Adult Ed. A fundraiser Lobster Raffle, Stuff the Bus to feed local families, Beautiful Luminaries Christmas Eve, Meals served for Seacoast Family Promise, Speakers at our Luncheons. While Rotary supports many worthy causes, Exeter Rotary is working hard to be out in front of the public and gather new members. We are looking for more exposure for the Exeter Club to showcase all the good Rotary does in the community and world!!



Hampton

We had “Be A Rotarian— Discover Rotary” night, where we invited members of the public to join us and learn more about what we do. It was a night full of inspiration, community, and meaningful impact!

Special thanks to our incredible speakers:

🌀 Brad Jett – for reminding us of **the magic of Rotary** and the power of service above self.

🌍 Joan Correll– for sharing stories of her international travels and the amazing projects she’s been part of around the world.

✍️ Dave Anderson– for his heartfelt work with Crutches for Africa, making mobility possible for so many in need.

We presented a donation to the Hampton Historical Society in support of their 100th event Speakeasy in the Barn!

(Photos - Brad has the 4-way test in the background, Joan has the rotary club banner in the background, Dave with the flag, and then John is presenting the check to Lori from Hampton historical)



Kennebunkport

KPort Rotary is everywhere this summer! We're out every weekend selling ducks for Riverfest—our biggest fundraiser of the year—while also partnering with other community programs such as the Kennebunkport Recreation Center Concert Series and scooping ice cream for the Trolley Museum Ice Cream Night. Cornelia Stockman, Jon Stewart, and Peggy Belanger also represented Rotary by staffing a water station at the Caring Unlimited 5K. It's all part of our ongoing commitment to service above self and community connection. Photo l-r Jon Stewart, Cornelia Stockman, Peggy Belanger.



Ogunquit

Building Goodwill and Better Friendships

The 51st Annual Ogunquit Rotary 2 Cent Sale was a hit with the community (middle photo says it all!) and a rewarding effort for club members and volunteers. A standout moment was the seamless teamwork between longtime Rotarians—Pete Woodbury, Ray Hamlin, Dr. Joe Boyle, and Richard Littlefield (top right photo, left to right)—and newer members Tina Fortin and Heidi Becker, joined by volunteers Joanna Manikas and Lori Judd (lower left photo, left to right).

In the top left photo, Rotarian Barbara Leazes teams up with Fire Chief and fellow Rotarian Russ Osgood to call raffle numbers, as Club President Rick Barber looks on (also pictured in lower right photo). From setup to wrap-up, every member pitched in to make the event a true Rotary success—teamwork made all the difference.



Oxford Hills

Rotary Rallies for Community Needs

Oxford Hills Rotary recently held a Road Toll to raise funds for local food pantries addressing food insecurity. Members handed out flyers explaining Rotary's mission and how donations will support this cause. As a thank-you, donors received dog bones or lollipops — fitting, since so many dogs were Saturday passengers!

📷 *Left to right in photo:* Curtis Cole handing out dog bones, with David Knox collecting donations.

As part of our *Lobsters for Scholars* raffle, two lucky winners received a lobster dinner for 12 with all the fixings, served at their chosen location.

📷 *Second photo:* President Jeff Noblin, Chair Dave Preble, Beth Abbott, and Supervisor George Rice (photo by Patty Rice).

📷 *Third photo:* Half the recipients enjoying the feast — we missed the men's table photo, oops!

And mark your calendars: the 2025 Cornhole Tournament is coming up on Saturday, August 23rd.

📍 See poster at oxfordhillsrotary.org for details.

📞 FMI or to register, contact Chair Dave Preble at 207-890-6794 or preb@roadrunner.com.



Portland

The Portland Club is partnering with the Maine Island Trail Association for the CASCO BAY ISLAND CLEANUP PROJECT: Jim Vicenzi announced a cleanup event for the Maine Island Trail Association is scheduled for August 6th, with August 7th as a rain date. The meeting place is Bethel Point, Harpswell, launch time 10am. The team will head to Little Yarmouth Island, described as a spectacularly beautiful island. The return time is 4pm.

A detailed description, including the important things you need to bring. (clothing, footwear, food, drinks, etc) is being emailed to all club members. If you have questions, [you can email Jim](#), or call him at 207-807-3544.



Portsmouth

We conducted a raucous Changing of the Guard to honor outgoing President Midge Nelson and then enjoyed a well-deserved two-week break.

As we began new president Ian Oneail's term, the club lost one of its most stalwart and colorful members. Charlie Bourdages, 58, passed away, a victim of prostate cancer (photo with bike helmet).

As we went to press, we also got word of another passing. Gladys Shaines, a former Portsmouth businessperson and long-time Rotarian.

In other news, the club has completely revamped its website and we welcomed new Portsmouth Hospital CEO Sean Patterson as a guest speaker.



Rochester

Captain Felisha Davis of the Salvation Army of Rochester presents Board Member and Bell-Ringing chair Steven Dore with the Kettle Award for greatest club impact in the 2024 Red Kettle collection. Each year club 2327 of Rochester, NH has put aside a full day and night, during the season of profound gifts, to commit to helping this organization with their support campaign. This is the club's oldest local commitment, dating back some 50 years.

"We are thrilled to be recognized for our volunteerism and humbled to have had such an impact".

"United for Good"!



Saco Bay

The Saco Bay Rotary Club has been busy with service projects and fellowship events. Last month our 2025 District Grant Literacy Project concluded with trips to three local elementary schools (Biddeford, Saco, OOB). As part of the grant, \$4500 was donated to the schools to purchase new books and needed materials. It was fun to see the young students pick out one of the new books to read during our visit. A team of Rotarians also helped out at Bon Appetit Community Meal Program in Biddeford serving over 80 meals to those in need. Our Monthly Fellowship events were held at Bentley's Saloon in Arundel and Mick's Sports Bar in Biddeford where several Rotarians gathered for some fun and laughter.

June concluded with a great night celebrating the change-over of President Dan Letellier to President-Elect David Arenstam. Big thanks to Rotarian Joanne Landry for hosting the event and to Rotarian Jeff Slayton for taking on the BBQ!

Changeover Event Pictures: (David Arenstam & Dan Letellier) & (Rotarian Jeff Slayton)
Young School: (Dick Gendron, Kate Scamman, Dan Letellier, Dru Laduke, Joanne Landry, Lucie Hatch, Carmen Gawronski, Dave LePauloue)
Jameson School: (Dru Laduke & Dan Letellier)
Bentleys: (Dan Letellier, Jim & Lisa Pate, Carmen & Bob Gawronski, Dick Gendron, Joanne Landry, Curt & Kate Scamman, Jeff Slayton, Jessie & Bill Souter, Pam & Bill Gallo)
Micks: (Dan Letellier, Joanne Landry, Jessie & Bill Souter, Todd Rodriguez, Dan Cote, Dave LePauloue, Pam & Bill Gallo)



Sanford-Springvale

On July 8th, the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club proudly joined the community to support Inclusion Night at the Sanford Mainers' baseball game held at Goodall Park. Rotarians volunteered their time by staffing the concession stand, serving fans, and spreading the Rotary spirit of service above self.



Sebago Lake

The Sebago Lake Rotary Club is honored to see two very deserving Rotarians receive Paul Harris Fellows awards of recognition for their volunteerism and service to Rotary. **Congratulations** Robin Mullins incoming President and Suzy Burkholder, Secretary with outgoing President, Max Bang.



Westbrook-Gorham

US Map Project for Canal Elementary School, Westbrook

President Kim Carignan & VP Eli Small planned this project in coordination with School Staff. 12 Rotarians & Friends, including Principal Vicki Hebert, worked over the course of several days to pressure wash, stencil, paint borders, and fill in state colors using a template provided by the Portland Club.

Thanks to Eli for providing the power washer and cleaning the area. Eli is a former Social Studies teacher. His expertise in that area was invaluable to the project. He was on site every day, coordinating work and running for supplies as needed. A huge THANKS to Sherwin Williams paints in Westbrook for donating the paint and providing brushes & other supplies. Also, thank you to all members & friends who helped in ways small and large to make this project happen.

After school resumes in the fall, we plan a quick visit to get a photo with staff & students (with permissions) and present a geography book or two of their choice to the school library.

