

**Rotary**  
District 7780



# News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS  
& COLLABORATIONS

APRIL 1, 2022

**Rotary  
Helps  
Ukraine**



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## Bridgton-Lake Region

Jessica Putnam welcomed 28 Rotarians and guests to the club's first social in months. The potluck dinner was held at Stella's on the Square in Bridgton. Jesse Walsh was inducted as a new member. He has already taken on home deliveries for the Harrison Food Bank and work with the Youth Committee. Rick Welchel was welcomed back, a former member whose business made participation difficult. He has jumped onto the Environmental and International Committees. Also during the social event, Joe Barth was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow, Emma Bodwell was honored as a many time PHF and Carol Madsen was welcomed into the Paul Harris Society by Dave Underhill, District Foundation Chair. He and his wife Linda joined us for the event. A grand time was had by all!!







## Brunswick Coastal

Sandy Holland, chef and owner of Union Street Bakery and Rotarian of Brunswick Coastal Rotary and Union employee, Matt with lunches packed for delivery. Union Street prepared 50 lunches free of charge to honor our health care workers at MidCoast Hospital. MidCoast chooses a hospital group to receive a special lunch on Thursdays and the groups range from nurses, ER staff, facility maintenance to name a few. Sandy Holland wanted to do something special to honor these frontline workers and she knew just what to do! Mac Lloyd, Brunswick Coastal Rotarian, delivers lunches to MidCoast Hospital employee and fellow Rotarian, Connie Jones.





## Damariscotta-Newcastle

### DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS

Our newest members, Tina Hall and Bruce Ventura, have just moved to Newcastle, Maine, from Decorah, Iowa, and have transferred their membership. Tina is a past Rotary District Governor (6620), has BS, MS and Ph.D in Environmental Studies and has worked for The Nature Conservancy for 31 years. She has a special Rotary interest in our newest area of focus, the environment, especially Pollinator programs.

Bruce has a BS in Industrial Engineering and a BS in Industrial Arts Education. He likes birding, photography, woodworking, canoeing, and morning crossword puzzles. He has retired from public school teaching after 21 years with middle school students.

Welcome to Maine and District 7780!!!

*Spring Fling*

Event Sponsored by the  
Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary  
L.E.G.S.



*April 1, 2022 to April 16, 2022*  
*at Main Street Grocery Damariscotta*  
*drawing April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm*

**Tickets \$1 each**  
Enter to win the basket of your choice!



Baskets donated by local businesses.  
Monies raised are given back to the community!





## Dover

Rotary Club of Dover donated to the Dover Friendly Kitchen for supplies for meals they distribute to those in need in the community.

Dover Rotarians and guests had another FUN night at their monthly Social event at one of Dover's fine establishments. An invitation is extended to others to join them on the 4th Wednesday of each month. They host this event to get together and socialize outside of Rotary meetings, and it supports local businesses!



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**Exeter**

Exeter RC will Stuff the Bus again this year. Visit Hannaford of Exeter or Market Basket and Shaw's of Stratham from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> to help us Stuff the Bus. No one in our community should go Hungry. With your help, no one will. Thanks to our sponsors: Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, Southern District YMCA Camp Lincoln, Saint Vincent de Paul Exeter, Market Basket, Shaw's and Hannaford.

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Rotary Club  
of Exeter

**Stuff the Bus Food Drive  
Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Challenging times call for communities to pull together and take care of their most vulnerable. You can help the food pantry at **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Exeter Community Assistance Center** meet the needs of the friends and neighbors that make this area such a special place.

Please visit **Hannaford** of Exeter or **Market Basket & Shaw's** of Stratham from **9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.** Pre-packaged bags of items are available at all stores in varying dollar amounts. Volunteers from the community are welcome to participate in the collection. Please visit [exeterrotary.org](http://exeterrotary.org) for more information.

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 Society of Saint  
Vincent  
de Paul Exeter

**We Help People**  
Community Assistance Center



**SOUTHERN DISTRICT YMCA  
CAMP LINCOLN**







## Kennebunk Portside

Kennebunk Portside Rotarians send disaster relief funds to Ukraine

Kennebunk Portside Rotarians have sent more than \$2,870 in combined club humanitarian funds and personal donations to aid the Ukrainian people. Funds were sent to two organizations: the Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Fund, a special fund set up to specifically aid Ukrainians, and the World Central Kitchen(WCK), a not-for-profit non-governmental organization devoted to providing meals in the wake of natural disasters. As of mid-March, WCK says it has served over 1 million meals to refugees crossing the border into Poland, Hungary, Romania, Moldova and Slovakia.

For more information, please send email to [portsiderotary@gmail.com](mailto:portsiderotary@gmail.com)





## Kittery & Kittery Rotary Afterhours

The Rotary Club of Kittery and the Kittery Rotary Afterhours Club (KRAH), once again, joined the Kittery Lions Club in Souper Bowl Challenge. The Maine Lions Clubs for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year conducted a soups for hunger event in conjunction with the Super Bowl in February. All the food raised goes to local food pantries. The Kittery Rotary Clubs once again joined the event, challenging each other to bring in the most soups. Last year the KRAH nosed out the competition. This year the Rotary Club of Kittery collected 255 of the 565 total soups brought in to take the bragging rights. The Community wins!







## Oxford Hills

Club Foundation Chair, George Rice, left, presents Becky & Peter Kaurup with their new Paul Harris Foundation (PHF) pins recently. Becky, who is Club Membership Chair received her PHF +4 and Peter, who is Co-President, received his PHF +5 pin! Both members are very active in the OH Rotary Club and have been members for less than 5 years. Great way to lead by example! Congratulations Becky & Peter, and thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation!!

Long-time club member, Dan Allen, recently challenged the OH Rotary Club members to raise funds to support the recent Tornado victims and said he would match the first \$1,000 raised! Always up for a challenge, the Club and members raised \$1,661 and Dan pledged \$1,100 for a total of \$2,761 that will be sent to the victims who are in desperate need of support and funds. Way to go Dan and OH Rotary!

(March News-Sorry for missing this Club news earlier. The Ed.)





## Oxford Hills

Congratulations to the newest Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club of Oxford Hills, Barbara Marshall Brunjes! She certainly exemplifies Rotary's motto-Service Above Self!

Shown in the picture are the 5 Paul Harris Fellows in the family including L to R: George Wayne Rice, Patty Marshall Rice, Barbara Marshall Brunjes, Beth Marshall Abbott, and Evelyn Marshall. That's a lot of support to The Rotary Foundation!

Congratulations to the Marshall women and their family members.







## Portland

Portland Rotary resumed in person meetings with the option to attend virtually. Meetings are held at the Italian Heritage Center behind Westgate Shopping Center on Congress Street at 12 noon. On March 11, new Rotarian Gervin Landry, was welcomed into the club by Mike Fortunato, Membership Committee Chair.





## Portsmouth

Under the leadership of Ted Alex and Neal Ouellett, who, along with Mark Lorusso, had countless hours into the project, some 26 Portsmouth Rotarians began refurbishing parts of the Portsmouth Women's City Club in late February. Armed with \$17,500 in Cash Committee Funds, the club demolished and replaced old cabinetry and an antiquated ceiling, refurbished a bath and contributed hours of painting time. Professionals were hired to construct new countertops, sheetrock the ceiling and install a new commercial refrigerator in the refreshed kitchen. Prior to that, residents had to trundle down to the basement to reach their ancient refrigerator. The project still has a few details to wrap-up.

Marie Brownell's Golf Committee invites you to play in this year's tournament slated for June 10 at the Pease Golf Course. The Club will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday next March. A gala event is planned.







## Saco Bay

SBRC and local organizations have developed a thriving relationship connecting community needs to the RC's resources. Recent projects have resulted in raised garden beds, technology for isolated seniors, meals packed and delivered, and more.





## Sanford-Springvale

Our two new Rotarians, inducted in March. On the left, Lesley Unger, the director of the Springvale Public Library. On the right, Jayne Perkins, the director of Sanford Community Adult Education. And talk about stepping up - Jayne will be our club secretary next Rotary year.







# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

If you didn't see your Club News in this issue of the District Newsletter, it is likely we did not receive it. We love to hear from all of you. About 75 words and a couple of photos. Send your material to: [RotaryNews7780@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryNews7780@gmail.com).

Thank you for all you do for your Club, the District and the World.

Carol Madsen, District Newsletter Editor

RC Bridgton-Lake Region