



News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS
SERVICE, FUNDRAISING,
CELEBRATIONS & COLLABORATIONS
AUGUST 1, 2022





Bethel

ROTARY CLUB OF BETHEL'S LONGEST, LARGEST, YARD SALE

August 2-8, 2022

Tuesday to Monday

Located on lawn at corner of Cross & Lincoln St,
Bethel ME.

Follow the Signs to Bethel Area Chamber/Information
Center.

Open from dawn to dusk, except for first day, when
sale starts at NOON.

Take what you want, pay what you can.

Rotarian assistance: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. daily.

Furniture, antiques, treasures, and much more!

This is the biggest fundraiser for the Rotary Club of
Bethel's scholarships and community programs.

Shop often and donate generously.

New Members: In the past two weeks, Bethel has inducted three new members! In one photo President Jean Benedict inducts Richard Kenney and Richard Tummon. In the second she inducts Brenda Minor. Welcome to our three





Biddeford-Saco

NEWS from the Biddeford Saco Club:

We are hosting our 3rd annual Golf for Good Mini Golf event.

August 13-14, 2022

Join us at one of the participating locations: 1. Raptor Falls Mini Golf – Arundel, 2. Martel's Miniature Golf – Saco, 3. Pirates Cove - Old Orchard Beach

Hole sponsorships available at \$100 each.

Special - ROTARY CHALLENGE Saturday - 3pm at Raptor Falls \$10 ante (in addition to course admission fee) - Lowest score takes home 50% of the ante money AND the highly coveted Mini Golf for Good Championship Trophy. Awards ceremony to follow at Bentley's Saloon.

Come support the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club and enjoy a round of Mini Golf with your family and friends on August 13-14th.





Bridgton-Lake Region

The Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club proudly announced the induction of Aaron Hagan as its President for the Rotary Year 2022-23. Outgoing President Jessica Putnam officiated at the induction.

Aaron Hagan has been a member of Rotary for three years. He is Vice President and Manager of Key Bank Bridgton. He lives his life exemplifying Service Above Self, the Rotary Motto. Last year he was awarded Volunteer of the year by the Greater Bridgton-Lake Region Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Australia with a lovely family, he has planted roots in the Bridgton area. Aaron has been an active member of the Club since joining, playing a key role on the Community Service Committee and in the annual Duck Race. His goals for his year include expanding partnerships in the community, working with other Rotary clubs, and engaging others in our work. For more information about our club check out <https://lakeregionrotary.com> or our Facebook Page.



Brunswick Coastal

Brunswick Coastal Rotary Club is very excited about our District Grant “Food and Art” at the Welcome Center for New Mainers at Brunswick Parks and Recreation Center on The Landing in Brunswick. A huge thank you to District 7780 for making this partnership with Jamie Silvestri and Art Van and Sabrina Best, Deputy Director of Brunswick Parks and Recreation, possible. More to follow in September’s news!





Damariscotta-Newcastle

Damariscotta-Newcastle Awards Over \$20,000 in training and tools grants in Rotary year 2022-2021.

Our hard-working Training Grants and Tools-of-the-Trade committee awarded over \$20,000 in the last 12 months. Some of the recipients received funds for nursing school and linesman and electrician training. We sent 8 highly qualified, community-driven individuals to an intense Critical Incident Stress Management training.

Young folks pursuing careers as automotive technicians and electricians were awarded funds to buy necessary tools of their trades.

We also assisted Veggies to Table with money for gardening equipment.



Falmouth

New co-presidents for the Falmouth Rotary Club, Gegin Doxsee and Pam Bonvie, attended the Changeover Event in Westbrook on June 30 thanking outgoing DG Dick Hall and welcoming new DG Claudia Frost.

The Falmouth Club is moving forward after fewer meetings and events during the pandemic. But the newly elected co-presidents are very enthusiastic and inspired by the new leadership at RI. As a recent “people of action” effort, the Falmouth Club is contributing to the Ukrainian Exchange Student for District 7780.

Editor's Note: Good Luck, Falmouth Rotarians.



Kittery

The Rotary Club of Kittery, with the key support of the District's Kathi Perkins, is having a very busy summer with Rotary Youth Exchanges, both short and long term. One short term student has been to Germany already, another is in Italy. A third student is headed to Thailand for 10 months and a Romanian student arrives in Maine in August for the school year.

Meanwhile the daughter of Club member Eric Waddell, who lives in South Berwick, is also in Italy, hosted by the South Berwick-Eliot Club. Student Makili Matty, is being hosted by the Torres family, his Host "Dad", Rotarian Luigi Torres, has been sending pictures including this one of his son Domi and Makili being presented to the Club Torre Del Greco Comuni Vesuviani of District 2101, at the Club's "Handover Meeting" at the start of the Rotary year. In the picture Makili is addressing the club.





Oxford Hills

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills is pleased to announce our 2021 Rotarian of the Year as John Griffith. John has been a past president, long time board member, and an active member with many of the club's activities and community service projects. Congratulations John and well deserved! Shown in picture with John is his wife, Shelley, who is very supportive of him and all he does for the Club!

The Club members had a fellowship event on Friday, July 22, at the Portland Sea Dogs baseball game. Shown in photos are Club President George Rice with DG Claudia Frost sporting their new theme hats, as well as Club member Becky Kaurup with Slugger wishing her a Happy Birthday!





Portland

FLAGS FOR HEROS: Would you like to sponsor a "Life Hero", someone who has made a difference in your life or the lives of others?

Portland Rotary, in partnership with the Maine Mall, is giving you the opportunity to publicly honor your hero in a splendid and patriotic manner. September 7-14th, Center Court at the Mall will be lined with American flags, each with signage displaying the name and role of your hero. Sponsoring a flag is done with a donation of \$100 to the Rotary Club of Portland. Learn more and contribute with a credit card or download a sponsor form at www.portlandrotary.org. All funds raised support the club's activities in the community and Ukraine relief efforts.

ECOMAINE PLANT TOUR: A group of Portland Rotarians toured the Ecomaine plant. Left to right: Bruce Moore, Dick Hall, Ellen Niewoehner, Brian Nickerson, Tom Ranello, Jan Chapman, and Patty Byers <https://www.ecomaine.org/about-ecomaine/>





Portsmouth

The club held a successful annual golf tournament in perfect weather at Pease Country Club.

Chairperson Marie Brownell's team rounded up some 20 volunteers who hosted about 100 golfers and cranked out an estimated \$27,000 in net profit for the club. Outgoing President Justin Finn's team finished first, his second tournament victory in less than a year. Last year's tournament was moved to October because of Covid. It's a record that could stand for a very long time. Justin didn't have long to celebrate as he was summarily ousted in a typically rowdy Portsmouth Rotary Changing of the Guard. The noted foodie was treated to unlimited hot dogs, hamburgers and fries, while the Rotations sang and past presidents Jon Flagg and Neal Ouellett roasted. The meeting ended with Justin being dragged to a dunking machine, where members could pay for a chance to soak him while enjoying ice cream from an ice cream truck. Joanie Dickinson takes over as new club president.



Saco Bay

THE GREAT ANNUAL DUCK PLUCK IS BACK!

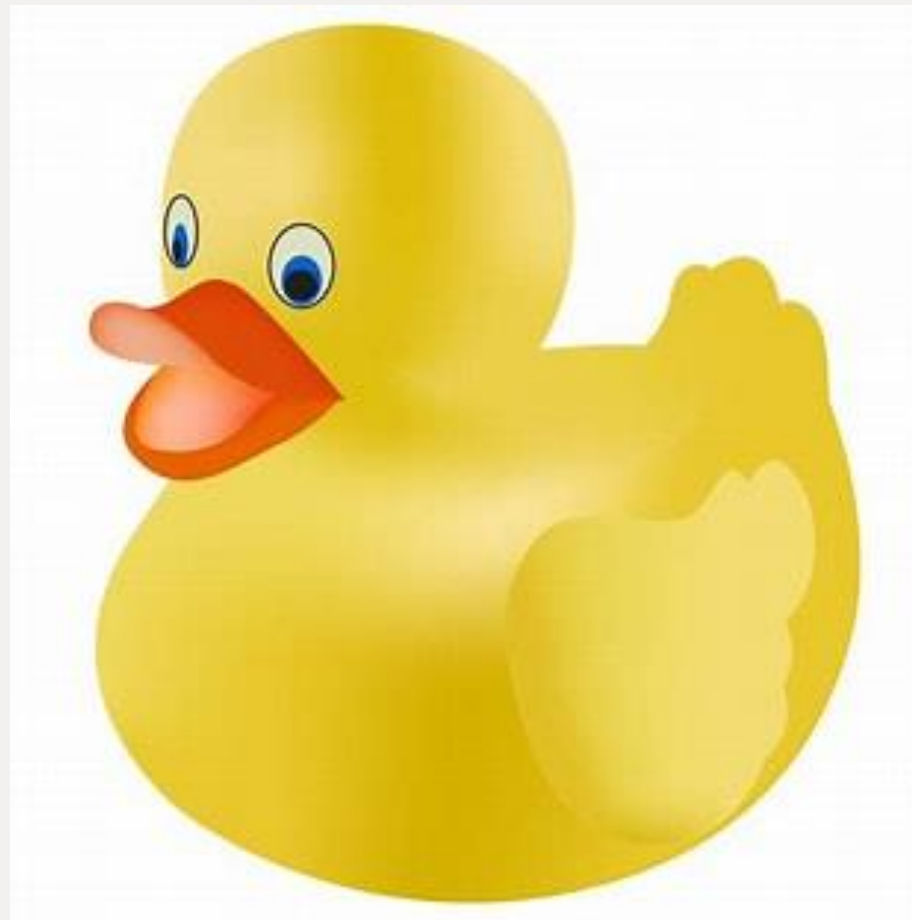
**On Line Sales are Open.
Our Biggest Fund Raiser of the year is Back!**

Duck Adoption Paper Forms are available. Pick them up at club meetings or Adopt your Ducks online at <https://www.duckrace.com/sacobay>

Our goal is to adopt 5,000 ducks this year. Last year we were able to meet our goal. Will you help us do it again this year? Remember that the money raised will fund our Charitable Giving Committee.

The Duck Pluck will happen on August 25th at the OOB Ball Park during the Kenny Chesney Tribute Band, No Shoes Nation, concert.

The Grand Prize is \$2,500 and there is a total of over \$4,000 in cash prizes! Good Luck and Thank You for your support.





Saco Bay Sunset

Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset Changeover and Grant Award

The Saco Bay Sunset Club had a fun changeover meeting on July 12th. Carol Marcotte, President, shared goals. The members then played verbal tennis as they brought in the new Rotary year. Two of the Club's goals are to have a fundraiser for Human Sex Trafficking. The Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset was awarded \$3150 for their project on informing people on human sex trafficking and the trauma it causes. Leo Menard, Past President are sharing the different themes as recognized on their backpacks. Carol presented a cake that depicted the Rock Stars of the Rotary Club





South Portland- Cape Elizabeth

The Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Celebrates 60 Years

The SPCE Rotary Club had a 60th Anniversary celebration on May 25th at the Sheraton Hotel in South Portland. Outgoing club president David Bagdasarian, Sr. did a wonderful job emceeing the event. It was fast-moving and both reflective and forward-looking. In person remarks intermingled with video congratulations, including those from outgoing and incoming Presidents of Rotary International, Shekhar Mehta and Jennifer Jones. Highlight of the evening was the recognition of the club's only remaining charter member, Dick Yerxa. Dick, the personification of Rotary's ideals.



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.

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

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