

Rotary
District 7780



News from the Clubs of District 7780

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





Bath Sunrise

This is what a
successful

Yard Sale Fundraiser
looks like!

CONGRATULATIONS,
BATH SUNRISE!





Bethel

Tuesday, May 18th found the members of the Rotary Club of Bethel at our first official in-person meeting since the beginning of the pandemic, and we had much to celebrate! New members were welcomed in person. Outgoing Treasurer, Michele Cole, was thanked for her years of service as President, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer! In stepping away, Michele will become Assistant District Governor replacing Chris Summers!

Pictured here, the passing of the baton between Chris Summers and Michele Cole.

To the right, President Lucy Abbott checks sound/technology with Sergeant-at-arms Rene McGrew. Our in-person meeting included a Zoom component.





Bridgton-Lake Region

Club project coordinator Carol Madsen and Food City-Bridgton assistant manager Lynne Barboza worked out details of a voucher program to be used for laundry detergent or other household cleaning supplies by food pantry patrons. Over 200 vouchers have been distributed over the past few weeks by local pantries.

This is part of a year-long program the local Rotary Club has managed with the help of a Rotary District 7780 grant to provide Health & Wellness supplies to local food pantries during the pandemic. The District Grant was matched by local donors, individual Rotarians and the Club's reserves.

For more information about Club activities, check out our website and Facebook Page <https://lakeregionrotary.com>





Brunswick

People of Action: Brunswick Rotarians assisted with several projects for a local organization, Growing to Give, at Scatter Good Farm on May 8. Growing to Give grows and distributes organic produce to local people struggling with food insecurity.

We presented ten Paul Harris awards in May, one to a community volunteer/activist David Knight, who was recognized for his work with the Brunswick Downtown Association, and the other nine to Club members because of their generous donations.

We recognized three members of the Interact Club at Brunswick High School with the "Service above Self" award. They all exemplify Rotary's motto and serve as an inspiration to all of us!





Damariscotta-Newcastle

FAMILY OF ROTARY

Past DG Gary Speers (2011-2012) and Past President/Past District Secretary Judy Speers have moved permanently from Damariscotta-Newcastle to Florida. In May, Judy came to Maine to sell the house, truck, RV, contents of house/garage/barn, etc. Members of our club came forward to help, assisting with a 2-day estate sale, cleaning, sorting, transporting, etc. A huge task for our entire group but an impossible one for Judy alone!

Many treasures went on to other Rotary clubs for resale: Boothbay came with 2 trucks with trailers, a van and an SUV to fill their barn, Bob Reed and Lorraine Faherty moved other goods to Bath Sunrise for their yard sale, some things went to local Lincoln County NGOs such as SteppingStone (transitional housing) and People to People (free clothing; all the Speers' winter coats, etc.).

Countless folks we may never know will benefit from the Speers' generosity as well as the sweat equity of D-N club members.

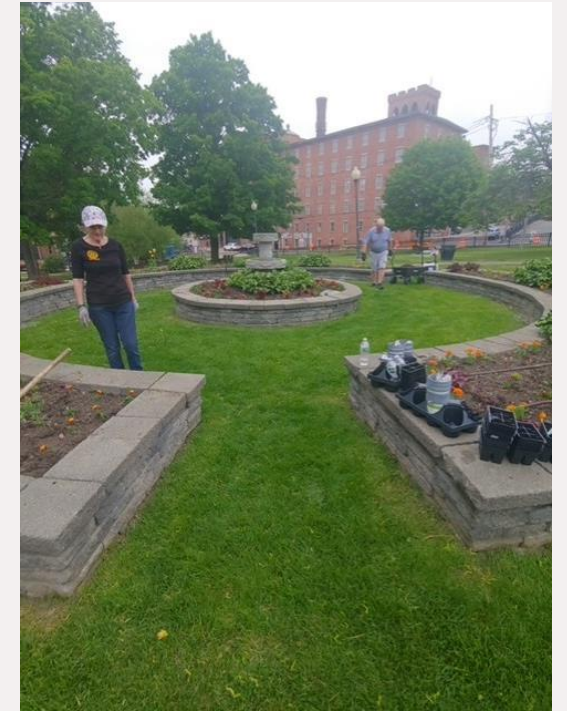


Dover

Have you had the opportunity to travel down Central Avenue and look to your right at Henry Law Park and see the fabulous gardens that were planted recently by our amazing Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Dover NH?

If you haven't, take a minute for a walk through the Rotary Gardens located in front of the Rotary Pavilion in downtown Dover.

Such a beautiful sight for all to see and enjoy!





Exeter

The Exeter Rotary Club would like to thank all those who supported its Wine Raffle to help achieve our goal! Club members were able to hold the drawing and celebrate its success at the newly re-opened Blue Moon Evolution of Exeter. By attaining our \$10,000 goal Exeter Rotary will be able to support local non-profit organizations and initiatives that help families and children in our community. There were eight lucky winners to enjoy some very fine wines!

This would not have been possible if not for the generosity of Linda Chesney who gifted some of the most exclusive and distinguished wines in the world. Exeter Rotary Club received this unexpected gift of wines from Linda in memory of her husband Allan Blake, a wine connoisseur and collector. These high-end wines had a total value of over \$8,000. The raffle drawing was held Tuesday, May 4th at 5:30pm at the Blue Moon Evolution and was streamed on social media.





Hampton

Road Clean Up - On Saturday May 8, nine Hampton Rotarians picked up trash along Route 111 in North Hampton as part of our semi-annual sponsorship and clean-up of state Route 111. A total of 14 bags of trash was collected and for the time being the road is clean.

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Yard Sale - On May 22 & 23rd, the Hampton Rotary Club held a huge yard sale to raise money for our charitable account. Between donations, set-up, working the sale and break-down, almost 60% of our club participated in some way with the fundraiser, which was fantastic. The yard sale netted almost \$2,900 which was more than we anticipated and really helps replenish our charitable account.

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Portland

Portland Rotary Club's International Service Committee continues to send water filters to the Dominican Republic via network connection with a Rotary club in Florida. One hundred new water filter systems and 150 filters were sent to the Dominican Republic and installed in April 2021, at the Batey El Solado. This international project is supported largely by donations to the Portland club's International Services Fund. Thanks to Portland Rotarian Erik Greven for obtaining the photograph of a Dominican Republic instructor who is teaching the Haitian sugar cane workers, living in the Batey, how to use the water filters.





River Valley

The River Valley Rotary Club has been alive and well during the pandemic holding meetings via Zoom! Discussions have taken place on the Top Ten Students from both High schools, scholarship recipients, Interact Program, and how best the club can further help the community and participate in International projects! Recent featured speakers have included Peter Wright, President of Rumford Community Hospital and our Club's President Elect Bonnie Merian.

The Club joined other local businesses in Earth Day clean up Saturday and Sunday April 22-23. Representing our Club were Joseph Sirois and his wife and Peter Cox and his wife Cheryl, Dick Lovejoy, Catherine Johnson, and Charlie LeDuc and his family.

Seen in the photo are Peter Cox, Ann Woods Sirois and Dick Lovejoy.





South Berwick-Eliot

So. Berwick-Eliot Rotary Club had its first Annual Rotary Electronics fundraiser to raise money for scholarships.

The drive-through fundraiser was successful despite cold, windy, and rainy weather on Saturday, May 29.

The day was brightened by a visit by DG Peggy.





Wells

On May 1, 2021 a Rotary-led team of volunteers gathered at the Ocean View Cemetery in Wells in an effort to honor and enhance the condition of each and every veteran's gravestone.

Volunteers included members of the Rotary Club of Wells, Rotarians from the Ogunquit Rotary Club and several students from the Wells High School Rotary Interact Club. Please reference our website for more information www.wellsrotary.org.





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