



# News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS  
& COLLABORATIONS

JUNE 1, 2022





# Bridgton-Lake Region

## RECOGNIZING CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

On May 19<sup>th</sup> the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club had the extreme pleasure of honoring six Citizens of the Month, seniors from Lake Region High School, who exemplify service in school and the community. Each student, as well as their family members, friends and teachers were recognized. The celebratory breakfast was created by Rotarians Carol Rothenberg and Joanne Cohn, key members on the Club's Youth Committee. From the podium Carol Rothenberg did the honors of acknowledging each student. President Jessica Lynn Putnam presented each in turn with a framed certificate and a \$100 gift card. About 30 people attended the gathering held at the Bridgton Community Center.

Due to the pandemic, this is the first celebratory event for Citizens of the Month in three years. The six were honored all together rather than separately as they have been in years past. Pictured here were Honorees Libby Blais (November), Sam Brown (December), Abby Elsaesser (January), Sabrina Lopez (February), Brianna Sargent (March), and Shivani Prado (April). For more photos from the event, see the Club's Facebook Page.







## Brunswick

Daniel Atkins, a Brunswick man who has volunteered countless hours during the last two years to recognize and thank healthcare workers for their tireless efforts throughout the pandemic, was honored for his service to the community by the Brunswick Rotary.

During a special ceremony on May 17 at Mid Coast Hospital's Healing Garden, the Brunswick Rotary presented Atkins with its prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award. "We are delighted to present this special award to Daniel. He has been extraordinarily supportive of our local healthcare workers," said Fred Horch, Rotary Club president.

Since March 2020, when the region was just seeing its first cases of COVID-19, Atkins has been greeting healthcare workers with large, colorfully decorated signs by standing along Medical Center Drive in Brunswick, the entrance to Mid Coast Hospital. He has created nearly 100 signs with messages like "One Hope, Many Hands" and "Stay Positive, Stay Strong." Congratulations, Daniel!





**Rotary**   
District 7780

# Brunswick Coastal & Topsham Espresso

## New Mainers Garden Shed

Rarely has Brunswick Topsham Land Trust (BTLT) seen such an outpouring of support for a new program as for the New Mainers Garden. This spring, that dramatic community support continued when Brunswick Coastal Rotary and Topsham Espresso Rotary (and friends) came together to build a much-needed garden shed for the project.

“Everything needed for the New Mainer’s garden has been stored in the back entryway to our office, and it wasn’t good for the equipment, nor was it very convenient for entering the building,” said BTLT Associate Director, Lee Cataldo. **“This shed is going to make the whole project more sustainable for everyone!”**

This shed will be used to keep the tools, hoses, and other supplies for this small community garden, created for and managed by Brunswick Landing’s New Mainer community.



## Damariscotta-Newcastle

Caring for Street Children in Tanzania – a Global Grant partnership

Patrick was a three-foot tall, eight year old. For three months, he had traveled around Tanzania, hiding in luggage compartments of buses. He was found living in a sewer.

“I invite you to join with my Club in supporting a global grant to rescue street children like Patrick” was the plea from President Elect Bill Vaughn.

The Damariscotta Newcastle Rotary is partnering with the Moshi Rotary in Tanzania and the Amani Centre for Street Children on a three-year, \$143,300 global grant. For 21 years, Amani has helped hundreds of children get off the streets by providing them safety (housing, food, and schooling), giving them hope, and reuniting them with their families.

Consider making a financial commitment *this* fiscal year. Presently we need to raise \$68,000. Contributions from your Club or as an individual may be sent either to our Club or to the Rotary Foundation. Our global grant is #2234075. Please let me know of your support at [billyv53@gmail.com](mailto:billyv53@gmail.com).

Invite my fellow Rotarian, Chris Hamilton, to make a brief Zoom presentation to your Club. He spent 41 days at Amani and knows the project well. Please contact him at [hamiltonfarm03@yahoo.com](mailto:hamiltonfarm03@yahoo.com) or call him at 207-242-2559.







## Falmouth

After listening to Robert McKenzie, Kennebunk Chief of Police, speak about his work in the field of substance use disorder, Anne Payson asked Robert what her club could do. The answer came easily - more support groups for families. So the Rotary Club of Falmouth contacted [www.thefamilyrestored.org](http://www.thefamilyrestored.org) and raised funds to start a support group through a collaborative effort sponsored by local businesses. They produced a 30-Day Restaurant Calendar Raffle - raising awareness and supporting local restaurants. A support group began on November 16, 2021 and runs every Tuesday, 6 - 7:30 pm @ the Falmouth Congregational Church.

Robert McKenzie is a member of the RC of Kennebunk.



# Hampton

We are seeking Sponsors and Players for our Dave Reid Memorial Cornhole Tournament. For just \$50, you or your business can sponsor a lane at this event. For more information, contact Larry Marsolais 603-560-2116.

Limited sign up to 120 teams. Raffles going on all day. Prizes, 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100. Must be 18 years of age or older to play.

Event is June 18<sup>th</sup>, the Brook Casino in Seabrook NH, Register on Eventbrite: <https://tinyurl.com/HamptonRotaryCornhole>.



 **HAMPTON ROTARY**  
*Dave Reid Memorial*  
**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES\*

-----  
SATURDAY JUNE 18TH  
THE BROOK CASINO IN SEABROOK, NH  
-----

**Ages 18+**

*We are looking for sponsors!*

**FOR JUST \$50, YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS CAN SPONSOR A LANE AT THIS EVENT**

Not able to sponsor? We are also looking for items from local businesses to raffle, if you can donate!  
Contact Larry Marsolais 603.560.2116

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_



 **HAMPTON ROTARY**  
*Dave Reid Memorial*  
**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
\*ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES\*

-----  
SATURDAY JUNE 18TH  
THE BROOK CASINO IN SEABROOK, NH  
-----

**Ages 18+**

 Limited sign up to 120 teams  
Raffles going on all day

4 GAME ROUND ROBIN  
THEN SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9AM | TOURNAMENT BEGINS 10:00AM  
ENTRY FEE: \$20 PER PERSON/ \$40 PER TEAM

**PRIZES:**  
★ ★ ★ 1ST PLACE- \$250 ★ ★ ★  
★ ★ ★ 2ND PLACE- \$100 ★ ★ ★

 **REGISTER ON EVENTBRITE**  
<https://tinyurl.com/HamptonRotaryCornhole>



For more information contact Larry Marsolais 603.560.2116 *Tournament links*



## Kennebunk Portside

Kennebunk Portside Rotary initiates special items program with Community Outreach Services (COS)

Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club has begun a monthly program for members to donate an item of the month to COS. Working with COS Executive Director Mark Jago, the club identifies an item of current need for the Food Pantry and members collect donations all month for delivery to COS. This month's item was low sodium soups and the club donated 50 cans/boxes. Prior months focused on paper towels and bags of coffee. COS is located at 19 Park Street and stocks fresh and non-perishable foods available to any size family.

Photo: Kennebunk Portside Rotarians deliver low salt soup to the COS Food Pantry. Left to right: Ki Leffler, Mark Jago, Executive Director, and Mary-Ellen Prescott







## Ogunquit

The Rotary Club of Ogunquit celebrated its 50-year anniversary this month and it was truly a joyous celebration. 11 Rotary dignitaries, 13 past club presidents, and a total of 67 people gathered at Jonathan's in Ogunquit for conversation, a wonderful meal, and meaningful presentations. John Clancy was a fantastic MC for the evening and summed up what we were all thinking the next morning, "What an evening! My heart is still full." Current President Susan DeQuattro spoke eloquently about the projects our club has focused on. President Elect Heath Ouellette got the crowd going with some trivia questions and did a wonderful job focusing on the true meaning of Rotary and our club, making connections that matter. Greeters were Erin Haye and Tracy Smith. To see other photos of the celebration and historical photos from the past 50 years, visit our website at: <https://ogunquitmerotary.org/>

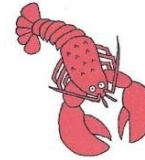




## Oxford Hills

The Club is gearing up to host May Day Play Day, the first time since the pandemic hit. It's a free fun-filled day for the area elementary students. Lots of activities are offered from face painting, ropes course, moon bounce, sand art, games, crafts, kickball, volleyball, free backpacks and light lunch and popcorn. It will be so nice to be able to host this free event again, finally!

The Club is also selling tickets for their Annual Lobsters for Scholars Raffle. Winner Winner, Lobster Dinner! Tickets are \$40 each, and only 75 will be sold, so that is better odds for you to win! Drawing to be held June 1, 2022. FMI or tickets contact George Rice at 207-890-3122 or [gwrice124@charter.net](mailto:gwrice124@charter.net).



### **LOBSTERS FOR SCHOLARS**

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF OXFORD HILLS PRESENTS**

#### **LOBSTERS FOR SCHOLARS**

**FIRST PRIZE = SEAFOOD MEAL COOKED FOR 12 PEOPLE INCLUDES LOBSTER, CLAMS, CORN, FRENCH FRIES, WATERMELON, COOKED AND PACKAGED FOR SERVING AT YOUR DESIRED LOCATION ALSO INCLUDES \$100.00 FOR YOUR PURCHASE OF BEVERAGES OF CHOICE. WE WILL TRAVEL WITHIN 50 MILES OF SOUTH PARIS ON YOUR DESIRED DATE.**

**SECOND PRIZE = \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR LOBSTER DINNER AT OXFORD CASINO**

**THIRD PRIZE = \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO SMEDBERGS FOR LIVE LOBSTERS  
ONLY 75 CHANCES TO BE SOLD      DONATION ONLY \$40.00**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR OHCHS GRADUATES**

**WE HAVE TENT AVAILABLE IF DESIRED**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM ANY OXFORD HILLS ROTARIAN OR CALL:**

**GEORGE RICE 207-890-3122 OR [GWRICE124@CHARTER.NET](mailto:gwrice124@charter.net)**

**DRAWING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2022**

**FMI VISIT [WWW.OXFORDHILLSROTARY.ORG](http://WWW.OXFORDHILLSROTARY.ORG)**

**MUST BE REDEEMED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2022**



## Portland

Youth Services Award May 2022, was presented to Sefania Missamou, who emigrated to the United States in 2015, from the Congo. She will graduate from Portland Arts and Technology High School (PATHS) and Portland High School, class of 2022. Sefania will attend Howard University in Washington DC in Sept.

Led by Portland's new Protect the Environment Committee, on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, club members and guests planted trees along the Bayside Trail in Portland as part of the Maine Arbor Week celebration. Jeff Tarling, City of Portland Arborist, and his crew provided invaluable assistance. This will be an ongoing project, as Portland Rotary is adopting a section of the trail which parallels Marginal Way in Bayside. Participating are Rotarians Bruce Jones, Dick Hall, Juliana L'Heureax and others.





## Sanford-Springvale

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

On Monday, May 16, eight local students were awarded a total of \$16,000 in scholarships by members of the Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale. The breakfast event was held at the Sanford Country Club, and was attended by Rotary Club members, as well as the scholars, and members of their families. Also there to support the event were James Fryzlewicz, Massabesic High School principal; Matt Nelson, Superintendent of Schools for Sanford; and Stephen Marquis, Assistant Superintendents of Schools for RSU #57.

Students from Massabesic High School (RSU#57) included: Andrew Carroll - \$1,500; Delia Harms - \$2,500; Brianna Stephenson - \$1,500; and Caitlyn McAllister - \$2,500.

Students from Sanford High School included: Laila Adawadkar - \$1,500; Connor Curcio - \$2,500; Daylin Soule - \$1,500; and Taylor Whitten - \$2,500.

Pictured l to r: James Fryzlewicz, Principal of Massabesic High School, Andrew Carroll, Daylin Soule, Taylor Whitten, Laila Adawadkar and Connor Curcio.







# South Portland- Cape Elizabeth

SpringFest '22

Celebrating Community Coming Together

On May 21st our cancelled WinterFest event became SpringFest '22, a collaboration between the City of South Portland and the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth. This family-friendly event is free to all! Through corporate and business sponsorships, SpringFest raised money for projects in our communities. All the activities were scheduled in and around the park and were created and offered by area organizations and youth groups. There was music in the gazebo, demonstrations in locations in the park, exhibits, a Mutt Strut, Touch-a-Truck, food trucks and more.





## Westbrook Gorham

28<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, Sept. 19, 8:00 am

SAVE THE DATE

New Course, Val Halla. New sponsorship opportunities, new games, new prizes, new shotgun start time. Play golf and do good supporting Rotary community causes and scholarships. Details and to register at [WestbrookGorhamRotaryGolf.org](http://WestbrookGorhamRotaryGolf.org).

When your friends  
go golfing without you ...



SAVE THE DATE! MONDAY, SEPT. 19, 8 AM  
**28th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**New course! Val Halla**

**New sponsorship opportunities!**

**New games! New prizes!**

**New shotgun start time!**

**Play golf and do good supporting Rotary  
community causes and scholarships.**

Get the details and register at [WestbrookGorhamRotaryGolf.org](http://WestbrookGorhamRotaryGolf.org)  
(space is limited)





# 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