



News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS
& COLLABORATIONS

MAY 1, 2022





Bath

The Bath Rotary Club is pleased to announce their 8th annual road race. Saturday, May 21st kicks off the renamed George Dole *Bath Rotary 4-Way 5K* presented by Mid Coast Hospital & The Times Record. The event will start at 9:00 a.m. George was a 17 year member of the Bath Rotary Club and a life-long runner. George died on June 29, 2021, just a few weeks shy of his 90th birthday. In 1954, while a student at Oxford University in England, he qualified to run in the race in which Roger Bannister broke the 4-minute mile. The Bath Rotary Club thought it a fitting tribute to rename our race to honor George Dole.

Mid Coast Hospital and The Times Record's thoughtful and generous donations represents a powerful commitment to this charitable community event. Proceeds will benefit the Cambodian Kids Scholarship Program, which will provide the funds for students from the CIO Orphanage in Siem Reap to continue their post secondary studies. Sponsorship opportunities at various levels for the 2022 event are still available.

For more information about the race and to register, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/ME/Bath/BathRotary5K> or visit the Rotary Club of Bath's website www.bathrotary.org.

For more information and to become a sponsor, contact Race Director Michael Princiotta at (207) 449-7447 or email michael.princiotta77@gmail.com.



GEORGE DOLE
5K RUN/WALK
SATURDAY, MAY 21ST



START TIME: 9 AM
MORSE HIGH SCHOOL
826 SHIPBUILDER WAY
(OFF CONGRESS AVE)
BATH, ME

Registration: runsignup.com


FMI:
bathrotary.org
midcoasthealth.com

Contact:
Race Director Michael Princiotta
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(207) 449-7447

ADULTS
\$25

Register by 5/2
for a race t shirt

STUDENTS
(18 & UNDER)
\$10

No race shirt available

CASH PRIZES!

\$100 1st Place overall Male & Female Finisher
\$50 2nd Place overall Male & Female Finisher

Top Finisher in each age category will receive cash prizes.



Presented by:
Rotary
Club of Bath



Mid Coast Hospital
MaineHealth

Proceeds benefit:



Cambodian Kids Scholarship Fund



Bethel

This past month, the Rotary Club of Bethel has been meeting at the brand new Grace Note Inn, on Rte 2/Mayville Rd. on Tuesday mornings at 7:30. Owned by Rotarian Brenda Blond, this will be our meeting location for the future, if any Rotarian would like to visit us! Pictured here are Club President Alison Aloisio and Sergeant at Arms Irene McGrew making Rotary announcements at the beginning of the meeting.



Bridgton-Lake Region

Our newest Home Delivery team for Harrison Food Bank and HFB volunteer Ron, who has worked with us from the beginning. Thanks new Rotarian Jesse Walsh, and Friends of Rotary [Diane Ozuna](#) and [Alana Grover](#). Thanks, too, to all the other Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club teams which help homebound clients in Oxford, Norway and Paris week after week. This project was started by PDG Sheila Rollins over 2 years ago and continues under the management of her fellow Rotarian PP Carol Madsen. Many Rotarians have been part of this project over the years, including from the Fryeburg and Oxford Hills clubs. Three new backup teams will undergo orientation over the next two months. We are always in need of extra hands. FMI about our projects see <https://lakeregionrotary.com> and our FB Page.





Damariscotta-Newcastle

DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE AWARDS GRANT FOR CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT TRAINING - As part of the club's Training/Tools Grant Program, which provides opportunities for Lincoln County residents to obtain or upgrade skills, a \$4,000 grant has been awarded to allow 8 persons to attend a Critical Incident Stress Management Training.

Attendees include the Chief and 1 officer of the Damariscotta Police Department, 2 LCSW (one specializing in families, children, young adults and available to Lincoln Academy and one specializing in adults), the Community Navigator, a school nurse from AOS 93, the director of Waldoboro EMS and a Victims' Advocate from the office of the District Attorney.

All of these folks deal with traumatic incidents as part of their jobs but then just resume normal duties with no debriefing or therapy resource available. Once trained, attendees will then be a resource for both responders and victims.

DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE SPRING FLING RAFFLE - The club's L.E.G.S. group (Locals Engaged in Group Service) held another successful Spring Fling Raffle again this year. Local businesses, merchants and individuals filled colorful baskets with prizes, gift cards, experiences, etc. and individuals bought \$1 raffle tickets. They deposited their tickets in containers by the basket they wished to win. Winners were drawn and notified on April 16.



The Exeter Rotary held its Stuff the Bus service project on Saturday, April 9. Volunteers from Rotary and throughout the Community were out at 3 local supermarkets collecting and organizing donations to support the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. The last eight years' worth of drives have raised the equivalent of just over \$100,000 in food donations. Photos show Burt Dibble and Fred Emmanuel volunteering at Hannaford, George Soderberg, Rachael Ela, Kathy Flygare and Michelle Buxton volunteering at Shaws and one of the vans filled with donations for the Food Pantry.

Rotarians Donna Buxton and Burt Dibble were recognized by the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce at their Community Awards event on April 21 (seen in fourth photo). Donna was awarded the Chamber's Ambassador of the Year, and Exeter Rotary Club President Burt Dibble was awarded the Citizen of the Year. Burt is the 3rd Rotarian to win this award in the last 4 years. Past Presidents Rachael Ela and Dottie Millbury also received this award in 2019 and 2020, respectively.



Kennebunk Portside

Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club hosted a new community fundraiser: a document shredding event—just in time for the post-tax season. A nationally certified shredding services, Shredding On Site of Bangor, provided the shredding service. The event was held on Saturday, April 23 at the Kennebunkport town parking lot.

Many people brought their personal documents for shredding at a cost \$5/bag or \$10/box. Net profit was \$2,280. The club hopes to make this a semiannual event and to increase profits through increased marketing.

District Governor Dick Hall volunteered at the event and liked it so much he spoke to the shredding company about possibly trying it at his home club. Club members helping (l to r): Club President Kate Howell, Steve Turner, Susan Gesing. Holding banner: Portside club member and Immediate Past DG Peggy Belanger and DG Dick Hall on hand to help out. Event sponsors included The Climate Initiative, Kennebunk Savings, Dave Reid Accounting, Ki Leffler—Coldwell Banker, Karen Schlegel—Schlegel Realty and Alisson's Restaurant.

All event proceeds will be invested in the club's community service projects.

Interested in organizing a shredding event, contact Steve Turner, Portside Rotary's Community Service Chair, at steven.m.turner63@gmail.com.





Ogunquit

The Rotary Club of Ogunquit Splashed into Spring at the annual craft fair event that kicks off a busy season of community activity. Rotarians picked up a generous bread donation from When Pigs Fly Bread that was then sold during the fair, along with brownies and cookies baked by club members, and raffle tickets with prizes that will be announced during the upcoming 2 cent sale. 10 Rotarians volunteered to staff the table and pictured are the first shift with from left to right, Naomme Paris, George Wilson, Russ Osgood, and Tracy Smith. One of the great things about this festive event was how many Rotarians from other clubs stopped by to say hello. If you are visiting OGT and would like to attend one of our meetings, you can view the schedule on our website here: <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.



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

MUST BE REDEEMED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2022



Portland

At roll call, Portland reported 15 Rotarians in attendance at the District Training Assembly on April 16. Portland Rotarian and District Governor Dick Hall hosted the event at the University of New England, Portland Campus. The technology available at the university was outstanding, and among other things, allowed Dick to have a sequenced slide show of the Club News over the past 1.5 years on two large screens above the stage. Portland Rotarians welcoming Assembly attendees included (l to r) Charlie Friar, Tom Nickerson, Patty Byers and Bruce Moore.



Portsmouth

Portsmouth Rotary Club was gearing up for its second major hands-on project of 2022 at Portsmouth's new Community Gardens on April 23. Located at the former Ride-Share Lot off Route 33, the area will use Rotarian work crews to complete the filling of raised planting beds with soil. Wood chip paths between planting beds will also be created. Perfect weather was forecasted. The photo shows (l to r) Rotarians Jim Rini, Bill Powers and Kevin Shultz loading up a wheelbarrow with loam for the planting beds.

Speaking of excellent weather, that is the plan for our annual Golf Tournament at Pease Country Club, Friday, June 10. Proceeds from this event go to Rotary's Basic Needs Fund, which donates monies to community non-profits that serve food banks, clothing, shelter, and other basic needs. Visit our website to register. And...spoiler alert.... This year's Christmas Ornament is the Yoken's sign. You can order yours now by visiting the Portsmouth Rotary club website <https://portsmouthrotary.org>



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.

Carol Madsen, District Newsletter Editor

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