



April 2026

Club News

Rotary

District 7780



Bethel

Bethel Honors and Gears Up!

At a recent club social long-time Rotarian and current President Pat Roma was presented a Paul Harris Fellow Award in recognition of his years of service to the club and community. Pat is shown here, on left with recent President Richard Tummon. Pat is moving out of the area. We will miss him but look forward to his visits back to Bethel!

Members are looking forward to spring and are gearing up for the Bethel Rotary/Mahoosuc Kids Association 5k Run in May, a joint fundraiser for the two organizations.



Rotary
Club of Bethel
MAHOOSUC KIDS / **5K**
RUN/WALK

Saturday,
May 16 Crescent Park School
19 Crescent Street, Bethel

7:00 am - Registration
8:30 am - 5K Run/Walk
9:15 am - 1 mile Youth Race (12 & under)

Register - www.runreg.com/bethel-rotary-5K
18 & Under - Free | Over 18 - \$15 pre-reg. | \$20 day of

Presented by:  HEALTHREACH
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS 

Biddeford-Saco

Diapers for Babies Results in Diaper Angel Award!

Every diaper we donate serves as a lifeline for a baby and brings immense relief to a struggling parent. One of our Club's Yearly Service Projects is to donate diapers and a monetary donation to the Diaper Bank of Saco. Last year, the Bank distributed over 50,000 diapers. Pam from the Diaper Bank shared some powerful stories about the impactful work they do in our community. We extend our congratulations to Rotarian Cynthia Giroux for receiving the "Diaper Angel Award" on behalf of our Club and for her exceptional contributions over the past four years in establishing this Service Project.



Boothbay Harbor

Interact Brings Energy, Service, and Heart to Boothbay Harbor!

The Boothbay Region High School Interact Club continues to show what youth leadership looks like in action. In March, students powered the much-loved Spaghetti Dinner—handling setup, serving, welcoming more than forty guests, and cleanup—raising over \$800 for the Boothbay Region Scholarship Fund. Soon after, they brought their enthusiasm to St. Andrews Village, calling bingo, sharing laughs, and building warm connections with residents.

Rotarians and residents alike praised the students' kindness, teamwork, and genuine joy in serving others. Their spirit of service shines brightly, reminding us how much stronger our community becomes when young people lead the way.



Bridgton-Lake Region

Three Highlights from Last Week's Club Meeting!

We kicked off the morning by hearing from **Tylor Davis**, the new manager at Lake Region TV. Tylor has been filming our speakers for the past six months and sharing the videos on LRTV's YouTube channel and Facebook page. It was a pleasure getting to know him better and exploring ways our organizations can continue collaborating.

Next, we celebrated **Patty Burns**, who became a **Paul Harris Fellow** and received her first pin from President **Dr. Lisa Ryan**. A wonderful milestone for one of our newer members.

And finally, excitement peaked when **President Lisa** won the 50/50 raffle—her ticket was drawn, and she pulled the **Ace of Spades**. We're still waiting to learn the exact payout, as Treasurer **Dave Barker** is enroute home from Colorado after several months away.

All in all, it was an especially lively and memorable meeting.



Dover

Visibility & Hands-on Service to Uplift Neighbors!

The Rotary Club of Dover has been busy strengthening its community impact this month. New blue-and-gold Rotary signs were installed on key entry roads, thanks to approval from Eversource Energy. Led by Rotarian Elizabeth Fischer, the project highlights Rotary's presence and its commitment to "Doing Good in Dover ... and the World."

Service efforts continued with another successful Rice & Beans meal-packing event at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. More than 30 volunteers (including Interactors) packed 93 boxes—nearly 20,000 servings—while expanding support to additional food pantries and community fridges.

Rotarians also gathered to support End 68 Hours of Hunger, packing and delivering 166 food bags to ensure local students have meals over the weekend. Month after month, volunteers show up to make sure no child goes hungry.

From visibility projects to hands-on service, Dover Rotary continues to uplift neighbors and meet community needs with energy and heart.



Damariscotta-Newcastle

Things are happening in the Twin Villages!

Our Club is buzzing with activity this season. We proudly inducted four new members: Sally Pearce, community volunteer; Wayne Moore, Cabbage Island Clambakes; Ted Siler, civil engineer and community volunteer; and Kellie DeMers, development director and former Lewiston-Auburn Rotarian.

Our Community Service Committee is distributing foundation funds to support local needs, strengthening our impact across the region.

Meanwhile, preparations are in full swing for our first annual SummerFest Fair on Saturday, June 20 (rain date June 21). Bring family, friends, and neighbors for a day of fun. FMI www.givebutter.com/c/rotarySummerfest



Hampton

Hampton RC Sparks Community Dialogue on Housing!

We brought the community together for an important public conversation on the Seacoast housing crisis, and the turnout made one thing clear: people are ready to engage. Attendees heard thoughtful discussion on the critical role of workforce housing and why young residents and business owners must stay vocal in local zoning and development decisions. Their perspectives help build support for responsible growth and ensure the people who work here can also afford to live here.

We extend sincere thanks to Granite United Way, New Hampshire Housing, Home for All, Avanru Development, and Tinios Hospitality for sharing their expertise, and to moderator Patte Ardizzoni for guiding a meaningful, solutions-focused dialogue.

Hampton Rotary is grateful to all who joined this vital discussion.



Kennebunkport

Middle School of the Kennebunks- A huge thank you to the MSK Interact Club for their fantastic work this week! The team recently took on the meaningful task of refurbishing our beloved MSK Buddy Bench. A fixture in our lobby for years, the bench has always been a place where friendships begin. Now, thanks to a fresh coat of blue and white paint, it looks better than ever. We truly appreciate the dedication and spirit our MSK Interact Club brings to our school community.



Oxford Hills

Club Captivated by Pink Ribbon!

Jen Kyllonen from the Pink Feather Foundation was our guest speaker and we presented her with a \$500 donation along with 2 irons for their use. Working with the teachers in two school districts, SAD 17 and RSU 16, they help 275-300 kids from Pre-K thru high school every year. All their items are on-line and with assistance from the teachers, students can go online, pick out clothing, shoes, coats, boots, whatever they need. Each request is packed in a suitcase along with new underwear and socks and topped with a pink feather, then delivered to the school for the student. FMI or to support PFF, go to pinkfeatherfoundation.org

In photos, President Jeff Noblin presents Jen Kyllonen with \$500 and Patty Rice and Beth Abbott present irons.

Cabot cheese 3# bricks for sale! \$25/ea! Contact Patty Rice 207.890.2332 or your favorite OH Rotarian FMI.



Portsmouth

Portsmouth Rotary: March Highlights

President Ian reports a strong start to the club's Every Rotarian Every Year effort. Members are also looking forward to another Rotary Social at the new Black Rock Club—a cheerful way to close out March.

Ian's "Libraries" project is moving ahead quickly. Materials have arrived, and thanks to Jamie McCarthy, we'll assemble them during a hands-on project at a Port City Air hangar. A spring book drive should easily stock the shelves.

Eileen Coute has been especially busy. She led fundraising to support the PHS Interact Club's sleepout for homeless students and is now coordinating sponsorships for June's Golf Tournament. The club is saddened by the passing of longtime Rotarian and past president Cliff Taylor; arrangements will be shared when available. We return to the Room on April 9, just in time for the Gordon Allen Humanitarian Award presentation, honoring community service at its finest



River Valley

A Month of Service, Fellowship & Inspiring Speakers!

The River Valley Rotary Club enjoyed a full month of service, fellowship, and inspiring speakers. On March 2, Rotarian Dick Lovejoy presented a \$100 donation to River Valley Recovery Strong, accepted by fellow Rotarian Kathie Williams. That same day, members heard from Mitzi Sequoia, who shared the effort she and Lisa Shardlow are leading to fund four \$500 Region 9 scholarships in honor of Charlene Yarnish.

On March 9, Rangeley Rotarian Tim Johnson highlighted two creative fundraisers: their popular birthday-sponsored community calendar and the “RangeleyLakesOpoly” board game.

The following week, Bethel Rotarian Dan Hart invited members to his club’s annual community breakfast, a tradition many River Valley Rotarians look forward to each year.

Rounding out the month, Oxford County Register of Deeds Cherri Crockett spoke on preserving public records and leading her office through major transitions.

A busy and rewarding March for River Valley Rotary!



Saco Bay

Fun and Fundraising!

The Saco Bay Rotary Club is preparing for its annual Auction Extravaganza, beginning April 2nd with a two-week online auction at <http://www.32auctions.com/SacoBayRotary2026> and concluding on April 18th with a live and raffle ticket auction. Club members have been actively engaged in securing sponsorships and auction items, and the community is encouraged to participate.

In addition to the fundraising efforts, the club continues to host monthly off-site fellowship gatherings and regularly volunteers with local community meal programs, including Bon Appetit and the Saco Meals Program.



Saco Bay Rotary Club



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32 auctions

Saco Bay Rotary Auction Extravaganza

All Items (67) Donate

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Rotary Club of Saco Bay
Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach
Maine
USA

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START	02	April 2026 08:00 AM EDT
END	16	April 2026 09:00 PM EDT + Extended Bidding

Sanford-Springvale

Literacy and Dam Building!

Recently, during “Read Across America” week, our Interact students participated in a fun, collaborative reading project with the kindergarten through grade two students at St. Thomas School in Sanford. The many smiles indicated a successful day!

During his recent trip to India to assist with his 16th dam project, Rotarian Elias Thomas was honored with a “Distinguished Service Award” for the 25 years he has brought dedication, compassion, and hope to the people of India. Well deserved, Elias!



Sebago Lake

Successful 25th Annual Ice Fishing Derby!

We held our 25th Annual Ice Fishing Derby on Feb.14-15th, the most successful event in years due to the early freezing of Sebago Lake and over 1000 registrants. This year's winner for the largest togue was the second largest caught during the event in derby history. The derby was established to remove invasive species from Sebago Lake which was challenging the Salmon population, a native species in Sebago Lake.

Photos:Top - 1st Place Togue Winner Adam Hamilton 17.45lb 38 3/4 inches. Bottom - One full truck load of the two delivered for processing.

Anglers donated their catch which equated to 600 lbs of fish collected, processed and sent to food pantries to feed the homeless as well.

Over 300 volunteer hours were calculated for this event from the planning, securing sponsors, collecting door prizes, etc. to the staffing of three weigh stations across the region on the actual two-day event. Thanks to all who participated and volunteered, Rotarians, their families and friends.



South Berwick-Eliot

Ski Team, 7th New Member & Geo Quiz Night!

Our Rotary club was proud to sponsor the Marshwood High School Ski Team, giving our exchange student, Carlos Carbonell Monte of Spain, a true Maine-winter experience. With support from his host family and coaches—especially Coach Eric Oberg—Carlos learned competitive skiing, adapted to the cold, and balanced academics with sports. The team earned this year's Sportsmanship Award, and skier Hazel Martin became a state champion.

We also welcomed our 7th new member this year, Maggie O'Brien, an organic farmer and community-minded leader, celebrated with a creative “pot of gold” ceremony.

Hope to see you at Geography Quiz Night on April 3 supporting our Guatemala Global Grant.

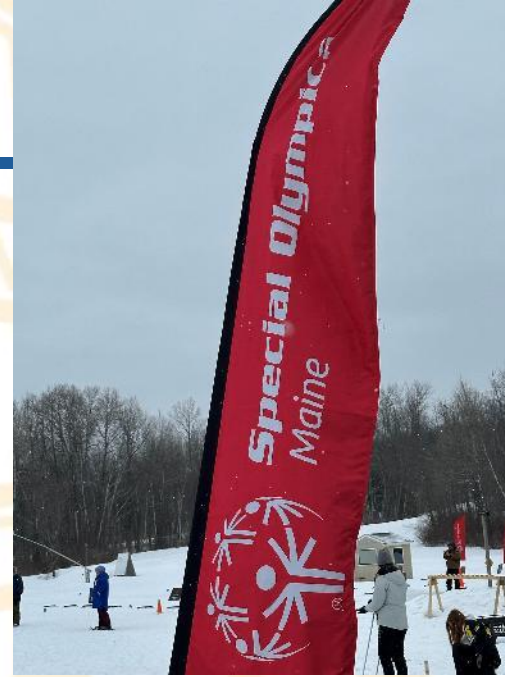


SPCE

Rotarians Support Special Olympics Snowshoe Games!

On February 25, several South Portland–Cape Elizabeth Rotarians traveled to Waterville to run the snowshoe competition at the Special Olympics Winter Games. The athletes were truly inspiring—not only in their determination on the course, but in their unwavering support for one another. Regardless of ability, every competitor was met with cheers, whistles, and encouragement to finish strong.

At the finish line, smiles, pride, and well-earned exhaustion were everywhere. The day was a powerful reminder of the joy, sportsmanship, and pure heart that define the Special Olympics—and of how fortunate we are to witness it.



Westbrook-Gorham



As many people know, our club is very lucky to meet at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center Dining Culinary Arts Dining Room where the Chef and students serve up some fabulous meals during the school year.

One special feature each year is that Tech II students (seniors) pair up for a week to plan and prepare their collaboration meal for us. Winter weather has caused some cancellation and plans to change, but recently we got to enjoy the creations of Lurinel F. (L) and Temperance O. (R) with a Japanese inspired menu. Totally delicious!!

Guest are always welcome, with student service continuing through at least the first week of May.

