

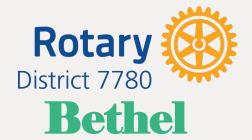
## Good News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS & COLLABORATIONS

AUGUST 1, 2024





Bethel Rotarian Scott Parker has developed a wonderful relationship with the leadership of the Maine Immigrant Resettlement Service in Lewiston Maine. We Rotarians have been regularly taking deliveries of clothing, housewares, bedding, furniture and more to the New Mainers arriving into the region. What meaningful work this is! In July, we inducted several new members, including Greg and Mary Ellen Gilbert (center two in picture, top right), sponsored by Rotarian Bruce Powell (right) and welcomed by President Richard Tummon (left). Club members are hard at work getting ready for our huge multi-day yardsale, corner of Cross and Lincoln Streets in Bethel, August 6-11. All are welcomed! More info at bethelrotary.org









## **Bridgton-Lake Region**

Something Soon, Something Later.

The Club is considering increasing the number of Community Kettles we host from 4 to 6/year. The first one of the new Rotary Year is August 1. Join us!

Something later, but not much. Our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic Save the Date. It's on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Our biggest fundraiser, we count on sponsors and golfers to help make this event successful. Join us!

For more about our activities, see <a href="https://lakeregionrotary.com">https://lakeregionrotary.com</a>.







The Ecumenical Food Pantry in Newcastle Maine welcomes folks every Monday combatting food insecurity. In preparation, volunteers including a number of Rotarians, help unload delivery trucks, pick up from local food markets, sort donations, place items in storage areas, etc. And they have FUN while doing good work. Pictured: Stephen Searles, Paul Tenan, Eddie Cheung, Bill Vaughan (hidden) and Billy Claflin.

PADDLE BOARD RAFFLE SUCCESS - Our 2024 Raffle for a stand up, inflatable paddle board (with carrying case, pump and paddle) was again held on Main Street Damariscotta during first two July weekends. Our Rotarians had fun greeting and meeting folks, both visitors and locals alike, as well as promoting Rotary as we are in our 100th Year of Service to the community. The winner, from Boothbay Harbor, knew Rotary because of shopping in The Barn at RC of Boothbay Harbor!!!











## Dover

Photos tell the story. Clockwise from upper left.

Past President Jim Munro was honored with a Paul Harris Major Donor pin. President Harry Cheney thanked Jim for his ongoing commitment to the Foundation.

The Club's Community Giving Chair, Jay Stephens, presented the Dover High School Parents Music Club with a community grant of \$500.00 to support their music programs. He also presented Jen Krans on behalf of the Dover High School's Portraits of a Learner initiative with a mini grant of \$1,500. Our club is excited as Jen will be active in finding ways to get Dover Rotarians involved in the project.

Dover donated \$2000 for the Dover High School Computer Club to provide students with the skills training necessary to compete in STEM competitions.

The Club donated \$500.00 to Dover Youth Softball League in support of their All Star program that will help control costs so all kids who want to play can play.













The Rotary Club of Ogunquit held the 50th Annual 2 Cent Sale fundraiser on July 18th. Enthusiastic club members worked tirelessly to prepare and run this community event. Led by event Co-Chairs Erin Haye (bottom right photo in blue shirt with club member Heidi Becker in red) and Tracy Smith (bottom middle photo) the event was a huge success! Club members Carol Brennan, Melanie Tromblee, Joe Boyle, Peter Woodbury, Susan DeQuattro, and Elizabeth Ford organized and packaged raffle tickets for sale (bottom left photo clockwise from left to right). Club Secretary Brenda Cressey organized the silent auction, club member Peter Woodbury organized the large number of baskets created by club members to be raffled off, club President Rick Barber promoted the event on social media, and the whole club came together before and during the event to ensure that it ran smoothly and generated funding to be used in the community. If you missed the event this year, be sure to attend next year!











## **Portland**

#### Flags for Heroes

Celebrating our sixth annual Flags for Heroes event, on Sunday, July 21,150 American flags, honoring 150 life heroes were flown at the Sea Dogs game and are now on display at the Maine Mall for two weeks until August 5th.

Our flag display on the field made a powerful impression on all spectators.

Off the field, our Rotary information booth in the concourse was busy from pre- to post- game, telling our story to the community.

We'd like to thank the Portland Radio Group, the Portland Sea Dogs, The Maine Mall, and the Rowe Auto Group/Westbrook-Auburn, among others, for partnering with us on this program which raised \$25,000 to help fund our charitable projects.

Rotarian Ben Lowry, along with others, holding flags on the field and Nannette Ranger-Duncanson handing out Rotary brochures.









## Saco Bay

It is always such a joy to do something nice for a fellow Rotarian. The Saco Bay RC had a flag flown in honor of fellow member Ed Boucher at our nation's Capital and then mailed to us for the presentation. Thankfully Ed had his family in town for the 4th of July and it was a surprise for them all.

A heartfelt poem, written by our very own Gary "Doc" Hammond, was presented at the Veteran's Memorial Wall at Volk packaging in Biddeford, Maine. The poem, an ode to Ed Boucher (the Club's unofficial poet laureate), can be read in its entirety at











# South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

Our club celebrated Change Over Night at a wonderful ocean front location with a catered taco bar. It was a beautiful evening with much fun, laughter and excitement for our 24/25 Rotary year! Dan McDonald, outgoing President, received a Rotary bow tie as a thank you gift, adding to his already vast bow tie collection.

Photo: Outgoing President Dan McDonald proudly wearing his new bow tie with incoming President Nancy Irving.





## DISTRICT NEWSLEMMER

If you didn't see your Club's News in this issue of the District Newsletter, it is likely we did not hear from your President or PR person. We would love to hear from every club. Forward about 75 words in a Word document and a couple of separate photos with the identities of people in them, especially Rotarians. Keep photos flattering, please. Send your material to: <a href="mailto:RotaryNews7780@gmail.com">RotaryNews7780@gmail.com</a>.

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

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