



Good News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS
& COLLABORATIONS

DECEMBER 1, 2024



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Bethel

Club President Richard Tummon presents Paul Harris Fellows to Marilyn DiFillippo, who chaired our 50th anniversary celebration this past June, and Past President Jean Benedict, for her two years serving as club president. (Top left photo.)

Rotarian and past DG Bob Laux presents a Paul Harris Fellow to past ADG (and DGE for 2027-28) Michele Cole. (Photo top right.)

Bob Laux presents a Paul Harris Fellow to Rotarian Scott Parker who chaired our Annual Yardsale Committee and has been organizing our club's support for the Maine Immigrant Resettlement Services in Lewiston. (Photo bottom right.)

Lastly, Bob Laux presents a Paul Harris Fellow to Robin Zinchuk for orchestrating our club's annual 5k race for almost a decade. (Photo bottom left.)





Bridgton-Lake Region

Club members delivered dictionaries to 7 classes of 3rd graders in the Lakes Region in November. The Club is especially excited because this long term dictionary project goes hand-in-hand with the District Grant-funded literacy project we are doing with one of the schools. Rotarians and Friends will encourage use of the dictionaries during one-on-one sessions with children in the literacy program.

Participating in distribution at Stevens Brook School were Rotarians Erin Nelson, Team Leader, George Klauber (bottom left photo), Joanne Cohn (top left photo), Rotarian Leader of the Literacy Project, as well as Carol Madsen, and Dan and Ann Lasman. Also, participating at the Crooked River School were Joe Barth and Deb Paraboschi.



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Damariscotta - Newcastle

BUSY FALL IN DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE - 'tis the season in MidCoast Maine. The Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary was kept busy at Trunk or Treat on October 31s, assisting in traffic control as well as handing out over 300 children's books and 150 toothbrushes/toothpastes. Photo top left Pres. Eddie and Nancy Cheung pass out books at Halloween celebration.

The Club also provided \$1,000 each to Rotary Club of Ashville, NC and Tennis Without Borders in Guatemala for children's rackets.

100% of club members are now Paul Harris Fellows! Thank you to Marianne Pinkham for all her gifts of time and talent to make this happen. Photo bottom right, Rotarian John Milliner receiving Paul Harris pin from Marianne. *Tell us more, Marianne, about how you made this happen!*

We prepared our pollinator garden for the winter at Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust HQ.

Now onto our joint projects with the local Lions: hanging lights and garlands on the bridge over the river between Newcastle and Damariscotta as part of Villages of Light festivities and bell ringing/kettle collection Dec. 2-21!



Photos clockwise, from center top: Citizen of the month, new member, social night out, Rotary garden cleanup, Paul Harris fellow, and theme for Christmas tree decided. Dover is busy!



Rotary District 7780 Oxford Hills

We held a successful scratch raffle ticket fundraiser spearheaded by President Dan Allen. Photo top right.

At a recent Club meeting, members attached labels to 240 dictionaries that were then distributed and presented to all 3rd graders at the 8 elementary schools in our area. Since this project was started in 2004, we have given out over 5500 dictionaries. Bottom photo left to right Liz Knox, David Knox, John Griffith and Dan Allen.

Our annual Cabot cheese sales are on! The 2 lb wax wrapped cheese wheels have been replaced by a 3 lb Cabot Extra Sharp cheese brick. It comes in a box and reports already say that it's excellent cheese! \$25/brick (you pay shipping). FMI, contact George Rice 207-890-3122, gwrice124@charter.net or Patty Rice 207-890-2332, or your favorite OH Rotarian.



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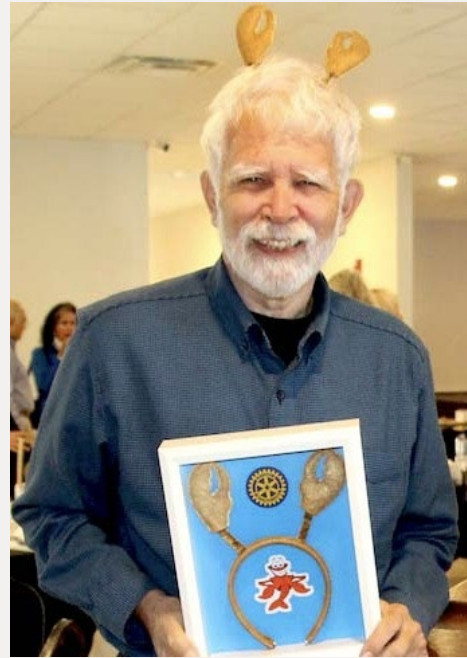
Portland

We have our winners!

For 45 days, Portland Rotarians were down at the cruise port, selling raffle tickets to passengers from the cruise ships that visited Portland Harbor through the late summer and into the early fall.

On November 8th, we announced the winners of the Lobster Raffle. When the grand prize winner, a resident of Edgewater, Florida, was notified that he had won the (8) 1.5 pound live lobsters, he responded, "I always support the Rotary whenever we see them fundraising, and thank you for all the hard work everyone in your organization does."

We are very grateful to the 40 Rotarians who stepped up to help staff the booth for two months. Larry Gross won the coveted "Golden Deely Bopper" award, given to the Rotarian who showed up the most to help. He was truly deserving of the award that recognizes "Exceptional service for a good claws." We raised \$13,000 and had fun doing it!



Rotary District 7780 Portsmouth

President Elect Ian and his team opened Christmas Tree Sales early--a week before Thanksgiving. The Portsmouth High Interact Club unloaded a truckful of trees in steady rain, taking only an hour to do so.

As we went to press, the club was preparing to host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This is an event that feeds more than 400 folks, while delivering more than 200 meals to the Greater Seacoast area. Bad weather was threatening to challenge efforts. The first order of business was receiving some 75 pies, baked by Rotarians, and brought to the Jarvis Center the day before.

About \$3,000 dollars was raised to fund 150 care packages for our deployed New Hampshire Air National troops. Port City Air contributed \$1,000 to the cause.

Under Jess Hamilton's guidance, Rotarians participated in a Habitat for Humanity built for two veteran families in Rochester, N.H.

This year's Christmas ornament is the Wentworth Hotel, which is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. Hotel General Manager Jason Bartlett spoke to the club and gave us a brief history of the iconic property. Another Portsmouth Icon, historian/author Dennis Robinson, gave a presentation.

Top left: Habitat Crew, Bottom Left: Holiday Tree Unloading Crew, Top Right: 2024 Ornament, Bottom Right: VP Peter Muccia and PE Ian Oneil





Sanford-Springvale

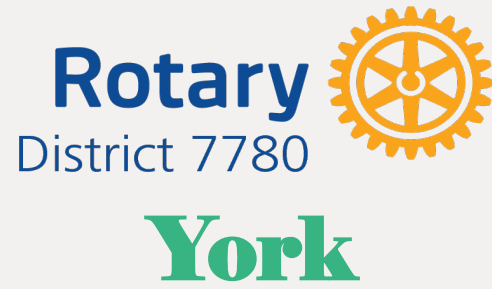
Elias Thomas, along with his grandson, recently returned from his 23rd trip to India where he assisted in building a check dam. The structure allows the water which comes in the monsoon season to saturate the ground. This means the village will have water in their wells to support family, livestock and agriculture, allowing for several crops a year. In addition to building the dam, done with a Global Grant, Rotarians distributed school supplies and shoes to nearly 200 students.



South Berwick - Eliot

Several Club members received training from Marshfield Middle School teacher Scott Carson to help 6th grade students with their solar energy learning unit. These involve Solar Suitcases from We Share Solar . They are used to teach students about solar energy while building solar stations through guided curriculum. Several of these Suitcases were purchased by our Club and the remainder were purchased through the Marshwood Education Foundation, a grassroots school fundraising organization. Each year two of the Solar Stations are deployed to east Africa to help electrify a village.





We are sponsoring a Rotary Night at Maine Mariners on January 26th at 3:00 pm. An opportunity for fun and fellowship. Every ticket purchased from Rotary Night with the Mariners will support the York, Maine, Rotary Club's local and international giving initiatives. To learn more or purchase tickets go to YorkMaineRotary.org.

The poster for "Rotary Night at the Maine Mariners" features a blue and yellow wavy border at the top and bottom. In the center is a grey silhouette of a hockey player. The text is arranged as follows:

- Top left: "Rotary" in blue, "York, Maine" in blue, and the Rotary International logo.
- Top right: "presents:" in a blue script font.
- Middle right: The "ME MARINERS" logo, with "ME" in a stylized font and "MARINERS" in bold blue capital letters.
- Bottom left: "Rotary Night at the Maine Mariners" in bold blue, "January 26th" in bold blue, and "3:00pm" in bold blue.
- Bottom left: A QR code.
- Bottom right: A yellow box containing the text: "An opportunity for fun and fellowship." and "Every ticket purchased from Rotary Night with the Mariners will support the York, Maine Rotary Club's local and international giving initiatives."
- Bottom right: The website "Yorkmainerotary.org" in white text on a blue background.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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: RotaryNews7780@gmail.com.

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

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