



News from the Clubs

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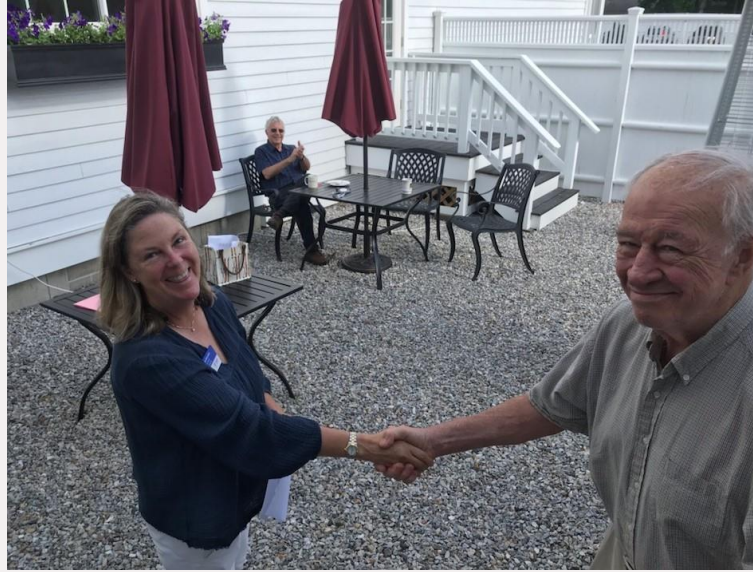


Bethel

The Rotary Club of Bethel inducted several new members this past summer! The club welcomed its newest member, David Fleming, husband of Brenda Minor, who we inducted a week earlier. David was inducted and welcomed by President Jean Benedict. Welcome, David! Shown attending the ceremony was Steve Wight of the Bethel Club.

Members of the Bethel, River Valley and Oxford Hills Rotary Clubs gathered to meet our District Governor, Claudia Frost, at a social held at the beautiful Grace Note Inn in Bethel. Pictured with her is our area ADG, Michele Cole.

For more news, check out our website <https://bethelrotary.org>.





Bridgton-Lake Region

The Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club prepared and hosted the Community Kettle on September 22. A big thanks to Chef (and Rotarian) Nicholas Orgo and his team at Stella's in Bridgton for the generous hospitality and perfect space to prepare the feast. Club President Aaron Hagan shown at right making sure the Kettle dinner is seasoned to perfection!

Some of our diners enjoying the delicious Community Kettle meal. Many come for the social aspects. At one table, the ladies always come early and play cards. President Aaron Hagan and New Executive Director at Bridgton Community Center celebrating this ongoing collaboration between Rotary and the BCC.

For more information about our club, check out <https://lakeregionrotary.com> or its



Dover

The Rotary Club of Dover inducted and welcomed its three newest members, Nathania Sitiwatijana of TD Bank and Jonathan Nichols and Michael Day from the Woodman Institute, a corporate member. Dover Rotarians had the opportunity to learn a little more about Michael. He shared his story of growing up in the local area and his love of history.

Photos: President Meg Keil inducting Nathania and Jonathan and later Michael Day.




On Saturday, September 17, the Reach the Beach NH Ragnar Relay race was run. Runners created teams and ran different segments, starting at Bretton Woods and finishing at Hampton Beach.

Congratulations to all of the runners who finished the almost 200 miles long race! The Hampton Rotary group volunteered all day Saturday and ran the beer tent at the end. Rotarians had the privilege of serving these runners their first beer after the race. Photos: top left clockwise l-r: Michael Green, Geoff Merrill, and Bill McGowen; Danielle Nonamaker, Dave Anderson, and Robin Reid; and Craig Kelleher, Jim Waddell, and Rich Gibadlo.



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Kennebunk Portside

Kennebunk Portside Rotarians showed appreciation to Kennebunkport Consolidated elementary school teachers as they headed back to their classrooms. Each classroom teacher received a \$50 Amazon Gift Cards to help them get their classrooms ready.

Photo: President Kate Howell (far left) and Kennebunkport Consolidated School teachers

On Saturday September 17, 23 Rotarians, family members and friends participated in International Coastal Cleanup Day by fanning out across Goose Rocks Beach, Kennebunkport to pick up litter and debris left during the summer season. This annual event is sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy as part of a worldwide effort to help protect the ocean and its wildlife. According to event chair Rotarian Charlie Coleman, "This year the group collected 73 pounds of trash that will now not reach the ocean to threaten marine wildlife." Photo: Rotarians and friends with the results of their beach cleanup activity





Oxford Hills

The Oxford Hills Rotary Club members parked cars and sold tickets at the front gate at the Oxford County Fair September 14-17. At the same time, the club hosted a cornhole tourney. It took all hands-on deck, including help from the Interact students. Shown left to right group photo: Tina Fox, Rotarian and Interact Advisor; President George Rice; Jordayn Bisbee, future Interactor; Sharon Huntley, Rotarian Spouse; and Liz Knox, Club Treasurer with unknown paying customer. Rotary blowup sign at cornhole contest. Cornhole winners Scott & Matt Huntington from Lancaster, NH along with Club President George Rice and Referee Rotarian Dave Preble. Parking photo L to R: Rotarians Dan Hart & Peter Kaurun.





Portland

More than 50 Rotary Members, family, and Friends gathered at the Maine Mall Friday, September 9, 2022 to dedicate the 2022 Flags for Heroes project. This is the fourth year that Portland Rotary has provided this stunning display in the middle of the mall to recognize the many everyday heroes (friends, family, mentors, coaches) in our community. The Flags for Heroes committee, led by Charlie Frair and Paul Tully, have done tremendous a job in making this happen. A record was set of over 100 Heroes honored this year. President Bruce Jones welcomed everyone to the ceremony, Pastor Dwayne Hopkins was keynote speaker, and Nanette Duncanson closed with “God Bless America”. For more information, go to <https://www.portlandrotary.org/sitepage/flags-for-heroes-1/press-release>





Saco Bay Sunset

The Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset met on August 30th at the Old Orchard Beach Rec Department. The Club received a District 7780 grant to purchase items to fill 100 bags of personal items for human sex trafficked survivors. Separate funds were received to fill 100 bags of stuffed animals, toys, toothbrushes and other activities-based items for children. Community members from Saco, OOB, Portland, Kennebunk, Hermon and even Winter Park, FL showed up to fill the bags, write motivational notes and support human sex trafficked survivors and families. Carol Marcotte pictured on left with Carey Nason, Courage Lives/St. Andre Home and board members. Carey took the 200!! bags to Courage Lives/St. Andre for survivors and their children. It was a beautiful and worthy gathering that focused on Service Above Self. For more info, check out our Facebook Page. There will be a fundraiser at an OOB restaurant soon...stay tuned!





Sebago Lake

National Night Out is an annual event hosted by Law Enforcement agencies to help build relationships in the community. The Sebago Lake Rotary Club agreed to attend and volunteer to help the event held in Windham. We had a booth, gave away Sebago Lake Rotary shirts, and helped serve ice cream, which was much appreciated on this warm summer evening. This was especially appreciated by the Police Chief of Windham Kevin Schofield, who is this year's club president! Pictured Rotarians I-r Cyndy Bell, Ingo Hartig, Kevin Schofield, and Feb McPhail. In the 2nd picture, Cindy Bell is with Beacon the Puffin, the mascot of the Maine marine hockey team.

To conclude the summer events, we rekindled our end of the year Cook Out at Unity Gardens, an assisted living facility in Windham. A band was on hand to play music while Rotarians supplied, cooked, and served food to our guests. It was nice to mingle with residents and reintroduce this event.





South Portland- Cape Elizabeth

SPCE Rotary Supports Open Lighthouse Day

SPCE Rotary members were docents at Portland Breakwater Light (or better known as Bug Light) for Open Lighthouse Day. Portland Breakwater Light, stands as a living piece of history. Its role as a marker of the end of the rocky breakwater shielding Portland Harbor began in 1855. In 1875 it was replaced, and at only 26-feet tall, it is known for its diminutive size and its elegance. This popular event, is sponsored by the United States Coast Guard, the Maine Office of Tourism and the American Lighthouse Foundation. Much of the lighthouse maintenance is carried by the SPCE



Westbrook-Gorham

Under the direction of Golf Tournament Director Steve Rand and President Christine Johnson, the Westbrook Gorham Rotary Club set a "stretch goal" of generating \$24K through its annual golf event.

On Monday, September 19 the big goal was met under rain-threatening skies at Val Halla Golf Course in Cumberland, Maine, with 80 golfers, sponsor signs everywhere, and dedicated Rotary members scurrying to pull everything together. All goals were met and even the rain held off until the course was cleared, prizes awarded, and all was cleaned up.

And a big thank you to Scott Linscott for all the great photos!



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. About 75 words and a couple of photos with the identity of people in them, especially Rotarians. Send your material to:
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Thank you for all you do for your Club, the District and the World.

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