

Rotary
District 7780



News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS
SERVICE, FUNDRAISING AND
CELEBRATIONS
JULY 1, 2021



Bethel

Our Club had a great month! We worked along with the Telstar Interact Club to cut, split and deliver firewood to families in need. We had four terrific meetings, with one focusing on the expansion of broadband in Maine. We hosted guests from Zambia, Africa, where our club, along with others in the district, is helping to raise money to build wells in clean water deprived areas. Our most recent meeting was our annual changeover event. 2020-21 Club President Lucy Abbott handed the “gavel” to incoming 2021-22 Club President Alison Aloisio, who acknowledged Lucy for all her good work throughout the past year. We also presented Rotarian Ellie Andrews with a Paul Harris Fellow.





Biddeford-Saco

Since 1988 (*except for last year*) the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club has presented Public, Private and Humanitarian awards as well as the Vocational Service Award since 2000. The awards are presented to those, whose acts of kindness, generosity, and caring help to make their communities and the world a little better. Pictured are some of the happy recipients this year. Thanks to Bill Kany who has chaired this committee for many years. For more information about the winners and the club, go to www.biddeford-sacorotary.org or on Facebook: Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco.

Another happy event was the installation of raised beds as part of the Family Gardens Project done along with APEX. Check it out at

<https://youtu.be/hiEOPM8WPIQ>





Boothbay Harbor

On Thursday June 17th the Boothbay Harbor Club met in person in our clubhouse for the first time since the start of the Pandemic. Over 40 members, friends and family met for a "social hour", to see old friends, talk and laugh together. Check out this drone video on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/bbhrotaryclub>

We are meeting in person weekly now. Our Change Over Party will be an old fashioned 4th of July barbeque but on July 1st at our clubhouse.

The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club Barn at 66 Montgomery Rd., Boothbay Harbor is open for business every Saturday between 8:30-11:00am.

Boothbay Harbor Rotary has a long tradition of loaning bikes to workers from away who need transportation for work and socializing. Rotary purchased 103 bikes and were gifted by the Congregational Church to buy safety equipment such as lights and locks.

These bikes have been a means of welcoming our workers and giving them safe transportation while working in our community. More at Boothbay Register, 6/21/2021 issue, by Alice Mutch., <https://www.boothbayregister.com/rotary-steps-again-help-summer-workers>





Bridgton-Lake Region

President Elect Jessica Putnam and President Julie Forbes participated in helmet fitting and distributing as part of a community effort to bring bicycles and other recreational equipment to this local residential school.

The Club's 21st Annual Duck Race always includes sales at Renys the 2 weekends before the 4th of July Race on the Stevens Brook near the bridge on Main St., Bridgton. On Sat, June 26, Jessica Putnam and baby Landyn were joined by Rotarian Carmen Lone for a couple of hours of sales. We understand that Landyn broke sales records. For more information on both projects go to our FB page [LakeRegionRotary](#).





Bridgton-Lake Region

We lost a very special Rotarian in April. Cathy Sullivan, 63, of Bridgton, ME, loving wife of Patrick (Skip) Sullivan, went to her home in heaven on April 7, 2021. Those who had the privilege to know her throughout the many chapters of her life were met with her gracious spirit, her generous energy, and an unwavering courage and strength. Cathy truly lived her life, whether it was a new travel destination to explore, a boat ride in the sun, a gathering of friends or family to entertain, a grandchild to snuggle, or serving others through Rotary or Church. Cathy served as president of the Bridgton-Lake Region Club, its Public Image chair, she headed the Community Services Committee and served as Assistant Governor for two years. A celebration of her life will take place on Sat., July 10 at 11 am. For more information, contact Skip at Skip.Sullivan@gmail.com.





Dover

The Rotary Club of Dover has started a Victory Community Garden at Garrison Hill Park and Tower. With the help of others in the community, we have planted beans and squash to help support those with food needs in our community.

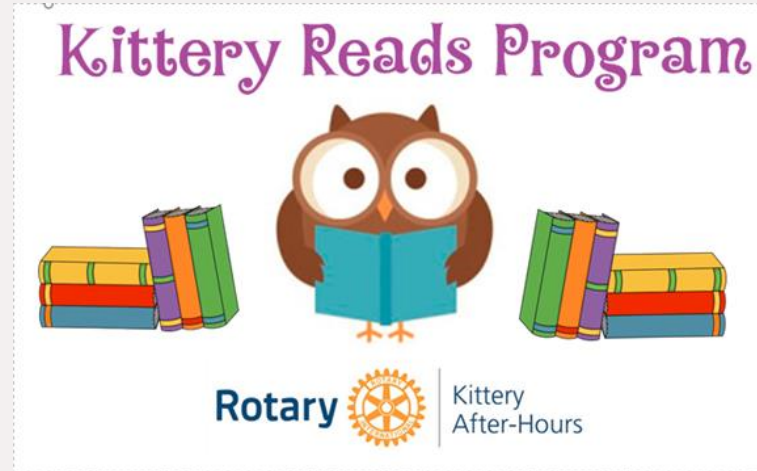
We miss our visits to Senior communities due to COVID and look forward to returning soon. In the meantime we have been delivering plants, thanks to The Flower Room. Until we visit return, enjoy!





Kittery After Hours

The Kittery Rotary After Hours Club is excited to report progress on our Annual Book Projects for Kittery students. After a difficult year suppressed by the pandemic, we were able to resume some of our favorite activities – presenting books to Traip Academy Seniors for their Capstone projects; and supporting the Mitchell Elementary School Book Swap. In late August, we plan to hand out new books to each incoming Kindergartener – and hope to see them through the years at Book Swaps and at Traip Academy graduation! Check the link for details
<https://kitteryrotaryafterhours.org/kittery-reads-more>.





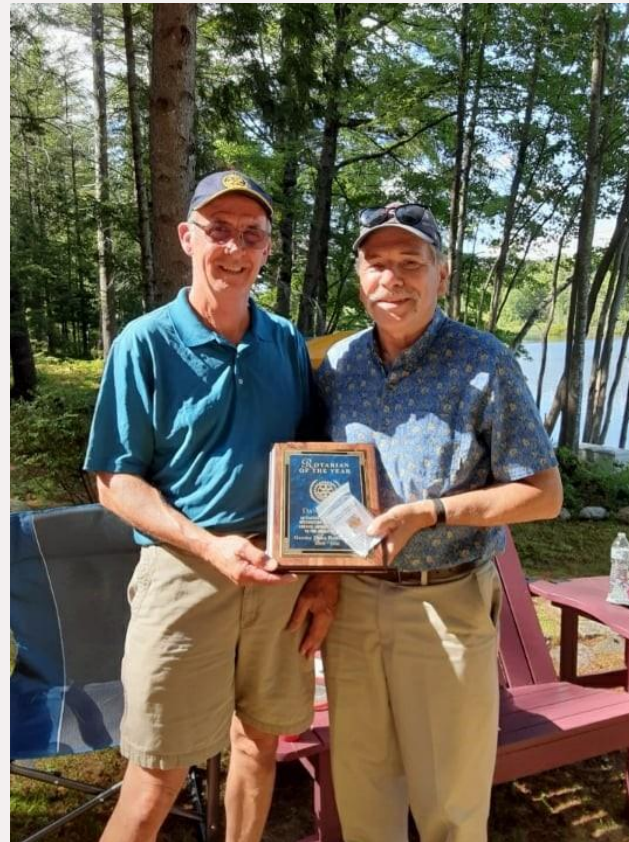
Ogunquit

Getting Ogunquit Beach Ready for Summer
The Rotary Club of Ogunquit, Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce, and Healthy Rivers Ogunquit volunteers joined together on a gorgeous Saturday to work with the wonderful people at Blue Ocean Society for Marine Conservation to help clean Ogunquit Beach. Volunteers picked up 294 items in just under 2 hours. For more info about this and other Ogunquit Club activities, visit our website at: <https://ogunquitmerotary.org>.



Oxford Hills

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills is pleased to announce, finally, that the 2020 Rotarian of the Year (ROY) is Dan Hart! Dan is a former member of the Bethel Rotary Club, where he was first honored as ROY. Dan is a huge asset to Rotary in the many projects and duties where he takes ownership and leadership. For more information and the full nomination document, please go to www.oxfordhillsrotary.org. DG Peggy was in attendance to offer her support and congratulations as well! Shown is 2019 ROY Peter Kaurup presenting a plaque, pin and Paul Harris Fellow award to our 2020 ROY, Dan Hart. Congratulations Dan!!

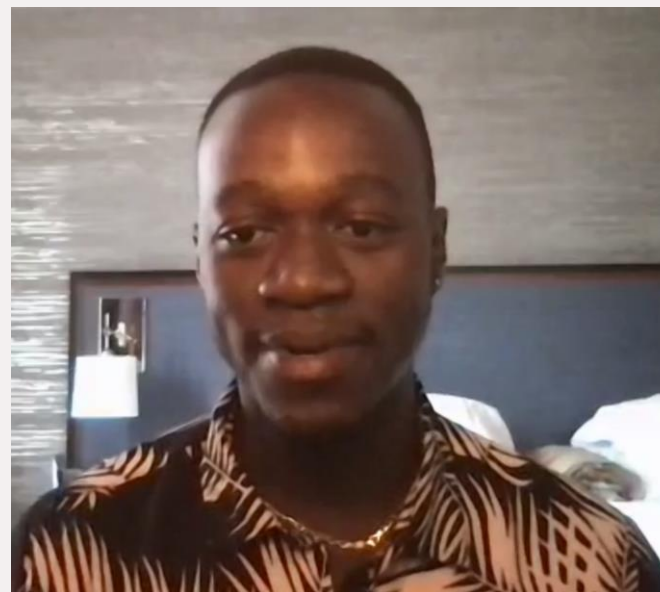




Portland

On June 18, the Portland Rotary President Ellen Niewoehner welcomed District 7780 Governor Peggy Belanger to the first 2021 face-to-face Portland Rotary Club meeting at the beautiful Fort Williams Park in Cape Elizabeth.

The Club's New Mainer Youth Scholarship was awarded to Allan Monga, a nursing student at the *University of Southern Maine*. A graduate of *Deering High School*, Allan is studying nursing at USM with the aim of a career providing medical services for the elderly. Having come to Maine at 17 as an asylum-seeker from Zambia, Allan gained local notoriety and acclaim when he won the state-wide *Poetry Out Loud* recitation contest for high school students after being in the United States for just a year. Only then did he learn that due to his status as an asylum seeker, he was barred by Federal regulations from competing at the national level. See more at The Windjammer, the Portland Club Newsletter at <https://portlandrotary.org/bulletin>. Thank you Eric Jorgensen for this nice article.



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MEMORIAL BENCH WAS DEDICATED AT ROTARY GROVE, ON PORTLAND'S EASTERN PROM TRAIL

- One of the 1st women to join the Portland Rotary club in 1988
- First woman Club President in 1998-1999
- Assistant DG in 2000-2001 when they served one year
- Served as Club Secretary for many years.





Saco Bay Sunset

Memorial Day Parade in Old Orchard Beach featured the Saco Bay Sunset Club's Crutches for Africa service project, led by Saco Bay Sunset Rotarian Dennis Robillard. A week later on a VERY HOT June 7th, Club members sorted, wrapped and prepared crutches for shipping with help from Rotarians from Rotary Clubs of Saco Bay, Saco Bay Sunset, Biddeford-Saco, and DG Peggy from Kennebunk Portside. Please contact Dennis at risc@maine.rr.com if you have mobility devices to donate.





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