



July 2026

Club News

Rotary

District 7780



Bethel

Bethel Rotary Hard at Work at Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

Bethel Rotarians are hard at work preparing for their largest fundraiser of the year: the annual Yard Sale, held August 6–10 outside The Gem Theater in Bethel. Each Tuesday after the club's weekly meeting starting in June, members fan out across the region to pick up donated items, loading trucks and trailers with everything from furniture to household goods. These treasures are then stored in local barns until it's time for the big move to the sale site.

It's a major undertaking, but one the club embraces wholeheartedly. The weekly pickup runs have become a highlight of the season, offering plenty of camaraderie, teamwork, and good humor. Most importantly, members know that every item collected and every hour volunteered will translate into meaningful support for community programs throughout the year. The Bethel Rotary Yard Sale is truly a labor of love — and the community always turns out to make it a success.



Biddeford-Saco

June Acts of Kindness!

Biddeford-Saco Rotarians embraced two meaningful **Kindness Days** in June, bringing smiles and companionship to local veterans and residents. On June 11, members visited the **Biddeford Veterans Home**, enjoying pizza, conversation, and time spent honoring those who served. The following day, Rotarians continued their outreach at the **Saco Huot House**, sharing the same spirit of care and connection.

These small acts of kindness made a big impact, and the Club extends heartfelt thanks to **Conrad Welzel** and **Cynthia Giroux** for organizing these thoughtful service projects. Their leadership helped create two uplifting days of fellowship, gratitude, and community support.



Bridgton-Lake Region

Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Celebrates Country's 250th!

As the USA marks its 250th anniversary, the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club is gearing up for a festive and busy July 4th Weekend. Our **Great Bridgton Duck Race**, now in its 27th year, remains a beloved community tradition and a major fundraiser. This year, we're also bringing along our **4 on the Fourth Pasta Dinner**, now in its 3rd year and quickly becoming a favorite. Held right at the hub of July 3rd activities—the Kids Fun Run, Band Concert, Fireworks, and 4 on the Fourth Race registration—the dinner offers families and runners a fun, delicious way to join the celebration. We welcome Rotarians as well. Come to Bridgton!

Community enthusiasm is already high: while selling Duck Race tickets at Music on Main Saturday night, we sold out. To learn more about our projects and programs, visit LakesRegionRotary.com or find us on Facebook.

ROTARY PROUDLY PRESENTS

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3rd Annual 4 ON THE FOURTH PASTA DINNER

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FUN RUN

July 3rd, 5:30-7:30pm
All invited/welcome
Racers receive \$2 discount.
Stevens Brook Elementary
14 Frances Bell Dr., Bridgton
Tickets at the door

Menu:
• Homemade Marinara with or without meatballs
• Garden Salad
• Italian Bread
• Fresh Baked Cookies



Good luck to the runners.

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27th Annual Great Bridgton DUCK RACE!

July 4, 2026 11:30 AM
Stevens Brook Bridge,
Main Street Bridgton

CASH PRIZES
1st Duck: \$500
2nd Duck: \$250
3rd Duck: \$100

TICKETS
\$5.00 each
or
5 for \$20.



Buy tickets at these locations:

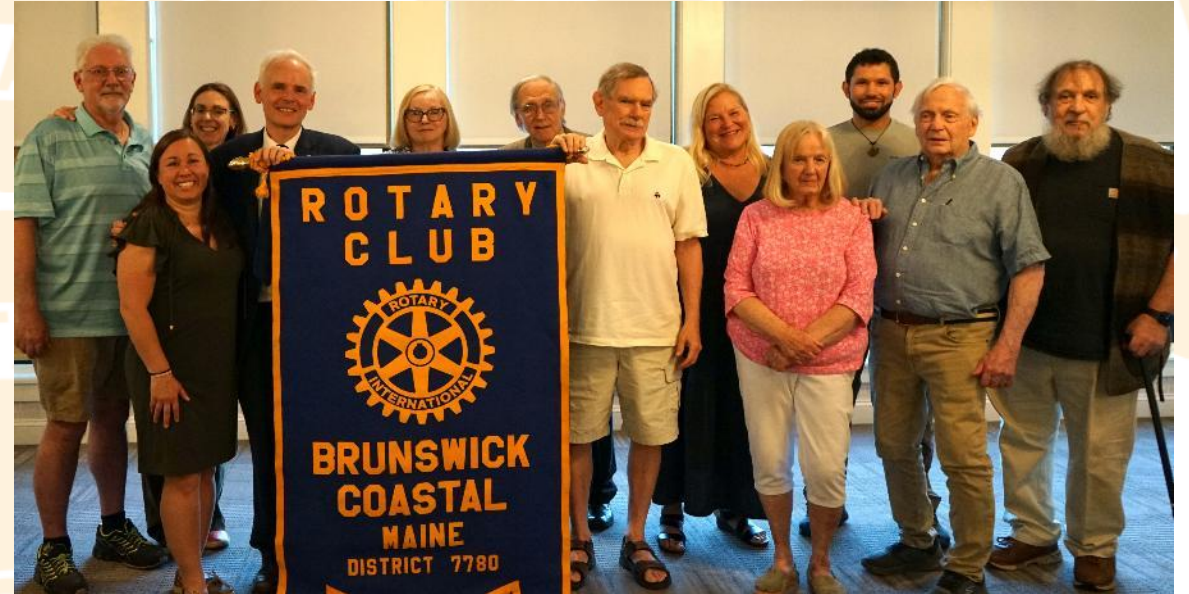
- June 20 Outside Renys
- June 27 Music on Main
- July 3 Pasta Dinner at SBES 5:30-7:30pm
- July 4 Steven's Brook Park
- Purchase anytime from your favorite Rotarian
- Tickets available in town at J.Decor

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Brunswick Coastal

Brunswick Coastal Celebrates 35 Years of Service and Says Farewell!

On May 20, the Rotary Club of Brunswick Coastal gathered at the Brunswick Hotel for a warm and heartfelt farewell celebration, marking more than 35 years of meaningful service since its chartering in 1990. Members, past members, district leaders, and friends reflected on the Club's legacy of international and local impact.



Longtime Rotarian **Tom Cole** highlighted major accomplishments, including an AIDS hospice unit in South Africa, water projects in Uganda and Burundi, and an ambulance for a women's hospital in Burundi. The Club also supported key local organizations such as the Brunswick Area Teen Center, Oasis Free Clinic, MidCoast Hunger Prevention, and Tedford Housing.

In April, members voted to surrender the charter due to declining membership, with several continuing Rotary service through nearby clubs.

Dover

Dover Rotary Celebrates Community Impact!

The Rotary Club of Dover wrapped up a strong season of service, from cleaning up Willand Pond to completing our final End 68 Hours of Hunger packing day of the school year. Volunteers helped deliver hundreds of food bags throughout the year, demonstrating the power of teamwork and compassion. We also celebrated more than 40 Dover High School Interact students for their outstanding commitment to service and leadership, and honored scholarship recipients at the Dover Adult Learning Center graduation—supporting adults pursuing education and new career paths. As NH Gives approaches, we invite the community to join us in supporting the Milk & Egg Program. Together, Dover Rotary continues to uplift neighbors and strengthen our community.



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Support Dover Rotary's Milk & Egg Fund to Feed Dover's Hungry
NHGives June 9 & 10, 2026

Your donation to the **Rotary Milk & Egg Fund** -in any amount - allows us to provide nutritional support to more families and to send the message that we support each other in our community!
Thank you for making a difference in the lives of your neighbors in Dover.

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Damariscotta- Newcastle

SummerFest 2026 a tremendous success for D-N Rotary!

SummerFest offered a full day of fun, food, and community spirit. There truly was something for everyone: a bounce house, inflatable obstacle course, cotton candy, sack races, a photo booth, a clown, and hot dogs free for children under 12. Families enjoyed food trucks, a lively craft fair, and two incredible bands that kept the energy high throughout the day. One of the highlights was the spirited tug-of-war between the Massasoit Fire and CLC Ambulance crews, which drew big cheers from the crowd. Guests also tried their luck at the “guess the number of oyster shells” contest and bid on unique local experiences in the auction.

A few passing raindrops didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm. Thanks to generous local business sponsors—especially Tim Cheney—this year's event may well mark the beginning of a beloved annual tradition.



Kittery

Lobster Raffle Fundraiser pleases the crowd!

The Town of Kittery held its Fifteenth Annual Block Party at the Foreside on June 20th and The Rotary Club of Kittery was there selling tickets to our Lobsta' Raffle!

Our sincere appreciation to our generous Kittery Businesses who donated lots of the tasty crustaceans

- First Prize: 20 LOBSTERS! Courtesy of Taylor Lobster
 - Winner: Kristen Crawford, Dover, NH
- Second Prize: Four Lobster Rolls from Dave's Maine Café
 - Winner: Vin Brienze, Newbury, MA
- Third Prize: A Lobster dinner for two at the Weathervane Restaurant
 - Winner: Elaine Pavitt, Manchester, NH

Our Club President, Andy Glazier, members Bob Guay and Paul Czarnionka manned the booth all day. Paul donned a lobster suit and obliged the crowd with many selfies. Shown here with his wife Sue, our Club Treasurer. Thanks to all for another successful fundraiser!!



Ogunquit

Ogunquit Rotary Launches New Fundraiser!

The Rotary Club of Ogunquit is excited to introduce a new fundraiser this year, and early response has been very encouraging. With construction underway at the venue traditionally used for our annual Two-Cent Sale, the Club needed a creative alternative that would continue to support local businesses while generating important funds for Rotary service projects.

The result is the **Super September Prize Calendar**, offering more than **\$5,000 in prizes** for 30 lucky winners throughout the month of September. Club members have worked hard to secure generous contributions from area businesses, making this fundraiser both community-focused and fun.

Calendars are **\$25 each**, and you don't have to live in Maine to participate — supporters from anywhere can join in. To learn more or purchase a calendar, visit www.ogunquitmerotary.org. Clubs interested in trying a similar fundraiser are welcome to contact us through the website; we're happy to share what we've learned.

Scan the QR code to see the prizes and to purchase your entry.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 \$640 total Hampton Inn & Suites \$200 GC Hickmatock Playhouse 2 Tickets \$90 VALUE Shark Vacuum & Cleaning Supplies \$300 Value	2 \$300 total Stonehome Estate Jewellers \$250 GC Sweet House GC \$25 Sweet Pea's Ice Cream \$15 GC Perkins Cove Bookshop \$10 GC	3 \$325 total Cape Arundel Golf Course \$200 GC Bar Harbor Cheesecake Co \$25 GC Perkins Cove Bookshop GC \$10	4 \$425 total Kennebunk Savings \$250 Cash Card The Steakhouse \$50 GC Backyard \$25 GC	5 \$235 total Dcume B&B \$150 GC Big Daddy's \$25 GC Perkins Parking Lot \$25 VALUE Learning Express Andover \$25 GC Perkins Cove Bookshop \$10 GC
6 \$300 total Elmwood Resort \$100 GC Bix & Sine \$50 GC Rick Barber Photography \$100 CASH Hutchins Parking Lot \$50 GC	7 \$275 total Richard Hayn Electric \$100 CASH Sea Salt Fry Co \$50 GC Backyard \$25 GC Atlantic Pines cr The Links Golf 18 hole for 2 \$100 VALUE	8 \$280 total Friend of Rotary \$100 CASH Julie Twombly \$50 Print Hutchins Parking Lot \$50 GC Barn Gallery Oct Piano Festival for 2 \$80 VALUE	9 \$405 total Aland Realty \$100 CASH Beachmere Inn & Blue Bistro \$50 GC Sweet Pea's Ice Cream \$15 GC Ogunquit Performing Arts season pass for (2, 2022/2023 season) \$320 VALUE	10 \$240 total Crew DGT \$180 GC Wells Fashion Outlet \$25 GC Sweet Pea's Ice Cream \$15 GC Peier Woodbury \$100 CASH	11 \$265 total Front Porch \$100 GC Spilled Rotten \$50 GC Perkins Parking Lot \$25 VALUE Sweet Pea's Ice Cream \$15 GC Mornings in Paris \$25 GC Criclets Corner \$50 GC	12 \$325 total Cape Neddick Country Club \$150 GC Brown's Clam Shanty \$50 GC Esk Restaurant \$25 GC Nick & Lizzy's Beach Shack \$25 GC Mornings in Paris \$25 GC Criclets Corner \$50 GC
13 \$323 total Ogunquit Lobster Pound \$75 GC The Moving Barn \$50 CASH Abacus Print \$40 VALUE Greenery Cafe \$50 GC Inner Balance 60 min message \$100 VALUE	14 \$209 total Bread & Roses \$25 GC Perkins Parking Lot Day Pass \$25 VALUE Finekind Scenic Cruises Nubble Light Cruise for 2 \$84 VALUE Marathon Real Estate \$50 CASH Brickyard \$25 GC	15 \$310 total Atlantic Pines Golf \$60 GC Brown's Clam Shanty \$50 GC Atlantic Software \$50 GC Beachline \$50 GC Nothing Better Than Doing Nothing \$50 GC Criclets Corner \$50 GC	16 \$360 total Mariner Resort 2 free nights \$300 Value Historical Society of Wells Ogunquit 1- year family membership \$50 VALUE Perkins Cove Bookshop \$10 GC	17 \$350 total Brown's Clam Shanty \$50 GC Studio East Motel \$150 CASH Great Works Regional Land Trust 1 Year Membership & t-shirt \$75 VALUE Lobster Shack \$75 GC	18 \$263 total Harbor Candy Shop \$50 GC Jonathan's Ogunquit 2 tickets to Dec show \$80 VALUE The Steakhouse \$50 GC Molokong Thai Restaurant \$50 GC Perkins Cove Pottery Shop \$25 GC	19 \$250 total Big Daddy's \$25 GC Captain Sawyer Merchandise Sell Care Basket \$50 VALUE Omelette Factory \$25 GC Sea Chambers \$150 CASH
20 \$225 total Norman's \$25 GC Omelette Factory \$25 GC Nublarco \$50 GC Perkins Parking Lot Day Pass \$25 VALUE Lazy Day \$100 GC	21 \$408 total FIFA Simcoothies & Cafe \$25 GC Flagship Cinema \$44 GC Pippens Seafood \$50 GC York's Wild Kingdom \$39 GC Ogunquit Museum of American Art Membership \$250 VALUE	22 \$285 total Liquid Dreams Surf Shop \$50 GC Mike's Clam Shack \$50 GC Norma's Restaurant \$25 GC Atlantic Software \$50 GC Atlantic Pines or The Links Golf 18 hole for 2 \$160 VALUE Perkins Cove Bookshop \$10 GC	23 \$340 total The Crooked Pine Surf Shop \$50 GC Perkins Parking Lot Day Pass \$25 Value Sweet Pea's Ice Cream \$15 GC Village York Scoop \$25 GC Old Village Inn \$200 GC Comerstone Artisanal Pizzas & Craft Beer \$25 GC	24 \$262 total Pinekind Scenic Cruises Lobster Cruise for 2 \$62 VALUE Perkins Parking Lot Day Pass \$25 VALUE Backyard \$25 GC Cafe Pralgo \$100 GC Toy Shed \$25 GC Perkins Cove Pottery Shop \$25 GC	25 \$550 total York Golf and Tennis Club Round of golf for 4 with 2 carts \$450 VALUE The Weekly Sentinel \$100 CASH	26 \$200 total Red Door Tile Sell Care Gift Basket \$50 VALUE The Crooked Pine \$50 GC Hill Creations \$50 GC Bread & Roses \$25 GC Waves \$25 GC
27 \$325 total Julie Twombly \$50 Print Brown's Clam Shanty \$50 GC Backyard \$25 GC Perkins Cove Kitchen \$50 GC Criclets Corner \$50 GC The Weekly Sentinel \$100 CASH	28 \$350 total Abacus \$125 Print Seashore Trolley Day Pass \$75 Value Mike's Clam Shack \$50 GC Bangor Savings Bank & Eric Nicou \$50 VISA GC Maine Diner \$50 GC	29 \$400 total Hobbs Harborside \$50 GC Liquid Dreams Surf Shop \$50 GC The Shops at Cape Neddick \$50 GC Perkins Cove Kitchen \$50 GC Barnacle Billy's \$200 CASH	30 \$400 total Wells Beach Lobster Pound \$50 GC Ogunquit Trading Post \$25 GC Friend of Rotary \$25 Cash Atlantic Software \$50 GC Ogunquit Playhouse 2 Tickets to last show 2026 season \$250 VALUE			



Oxford Hills

Oxford Hills Changeover Celebration!

Oxford Hills Rotary recently held its annual Changeover, where outgoing Club President **Jeff Noblin** thanked his Board and all Club members for their support throughout his year of service. Jeff then welcomed **Incoming President-Elect Connor Burnam**, who joined him in inducting the new Board as they took the oath of office.

President-Elect Connor presented Jeff with a gavel plaque in appreciation of his outstanding leadership during the 2025–2026 Rotary year. As part of club tradition, Jeff also signed the back of the Club charter, adding his name to the long line of Oxford Hills presidents who have served the community with dedication.

Congratulations to Jeff on a successful year, and best of luck to Connor as he steps into his new role.

For more information, visit www.oxfordhillsrotary.org or find us on Facebook. **Photos: Top Clockwise:** Outgoing President Jeff Noblin with incoming officers. PP Jeff Noblin with President-Elect Connor Burnam and Jeff signing the Club charter.



River Valley

Supporting Families Through Loss: The Colby Fund Visits River Valley!

The featured speakers at the River Valley Rotary Club's Fellowship Luncheon on June 8 were **Jessica Hamann**, Board Member of the Colby Fund, and **Kasey Berry**, a volunteer who has personally experienced the loss of an unborn child. Jessica shared the mission of the Colby Fund, a local 501(c)(3) based in Rumford that provides compassionate support, financial assistance, and resources to families grieving miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss.

Kasey spoke with heartfelt honesty about her own grieving process and how volunteering has helped her find healing while supporting others. This year alone, the Colby Fund has assisted **thirteen mothers**, covering **100% of their needs** as they navigate profound loss. The organization also offers doulas, photography services, remembrance spaces, and community events such as the annual Walk to Remember.

The Colby Fund is currently seeking sponsors for its upcoming fundraiser.

Photo: Rotarian of the Day David Laurinaitis, Jessica Hamann, and Club President Dave Duguay.



Saco Bay

Celebration, Service, and Fellowship at Saco Bay!

The Rotary Club of Saco Bay closed out the year with a lively change-over dinner as President **David Arenstam** passed the gavel to incoming President **Lucie Hatch**. Members are excited to support Lucie as she leads the Club into another strong year of service.

Saco Bay Rotarians joined the district-wide **Crutches4Africa** loading day, helping pack a 40-foot container with crutches, walkers, canes, and wheelchairs destined for communities in need. It was a wonderfully collaborative project with several clubs participating.

The Club also continues its monthly fellowship tradition with evenings at **Beach Vibes Bistro** in Old Orchard Beach — a favorite spot for connection, conversation, and Rotary camaraderie.



Sanford-Springvale

Neighborhood Cleanup and Serve with a Smile!

Sanford-Springvale Rotarians and students from Sanford High School's Interact Club gathered for the second annual Neighborhood Trash Cleanup Event. They were joined by St. Thomas School students, families, and faculty, Sanford Trails Committee members, a city councilor, and friends from the community. Together, dozens of bags of trash were collected from several Sanford neighborhoods.

May this small act of kindness create a ripple effect, inspiring others to do what they can to make a difference!

Later in June members of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club volunteered at the concession stand for the Sanford Mainers baseball game. Two or three times each summer, for several years running now, Rotarians give back to the community by serving up ballpark treats with a smile!



Sebago Lake

Sebago Lake is Always Prepared!

The Sebago Lake Club prepares for upcoming parades in their region!

Although the Memorial Day parade was cancelled due to inclement weather, there are other opportunities coming up for Summerfest and Standish Spectator!

Like the Boy Scouts, we're always prepared!



South Berwick-Eliot

Rotary Service Shines in May!

Rotarians in the South Berwick–Eliot area embraced two powerful acts of service in May. On May 20, members hosted an “Epic Day of Service” Thanksgiving-style dinner for **75 Eliot seniors**, partnering with the Eliot Fire Department, Recreation Department, York Hospital, and even the Eliot Elementary kindergarten class, which donated sunflower seedlings. Musician **Brian Stankovich** entertained guests, and the Flynns of the Links at Outlook generously donated the entire meal, making the gathering especially memorable for a community without its own senior center.

Just days later, on May 24, Rotarian **Sydney Mosher** and her siblings cut the ribbon at the newly renovated **Kita Center** on Loon Lake. Supported in part by a Rotary district grant, the center now offers a nurturing space for those impacted by suicide — a heartfelt project brought to life through community generosity and Rotary commitment.



Westbrook-Gorham

WRVC Students Share House Construction Progress!

On June 9, Westbrook-Gorham Rotarians took a “field trip” to see the current “Rotary House” nearing completion on West Pleasant St in Westbrook.

We first enjoyed a picnic lunch provided by the Culinary Arts students, which was delivered by Chef Maureen herself!! Following lunch, Westbrook Regional Vocational Students and Staff told us about the work they had done this school year. The students spoke about how they came into the Building Trades program and the challenges of balancing the Vocational program with classes at their sending school.

Two of the students joined the program a year earlier than usual, as Sophomores, and will be entering their third year in the program this fall. One of those is the daughter of the instructor. She told us that she loves learning from her dad!

Since 1957, W-G Rotary has partnered with WRVC and the City of Westbrook to build houses as part of the training in the Building Trades program. This is House #47.

