



March 2026

Club News

Rotary

District 7780



Bethel

Bethel Rotary Country Breakfast!

The Bethel Rotary Club is gearing up for its next fundraiser, the annual Bethel Rotary Country Breakfast on March 29. While not our largest fundraiser, it remains a beloved community tradition, bringing neighbors together at Gould Academy for good food and fellowship.

We're also developing a new fundraising initiative, the Mahoosuc 250 Club, which will feature monthly drawings for cash prizes. This project is still in its early planning stages, but we're excited about its potential to engage the community in a fresh way.

As always, we continue exploring creative opportunities to support local needs and strengthen our impact.



Rotary Club of Bethel

Country Breakfast

March 29 7:30-11:00
Gould Academy - Ordway Hall

Adults \$15
Children \$10

Tickets available at the door or from any Rotarian.



Biddeford-Saco

Cheers, Cookies & Community!

Corks & Cookies For A Cause: Girl Scout Cookies (including one gluten free) will be paired with a specific wine. Details on flyer.

Photos: Upper Left - Service Project @ Seeds of Hope in Biddeford; Upper Right - Past President Bill Paterson receiving Paul Harris +4 Award by President Haley Thompson; Lower Left - Susan Gajewski receiving Paul Harris +2 Award by President Haley; Lower right: Service Project @ St. Andre in Biddeford



BIDDEFORD-SACO

Corks & Cookies For A Cause

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 wine & cookie samples
- Silent auction & fellowship
- Light appetizers
- Gluten-free options available

All funds raised support Rotary projects such as:

- Local Veteran Needs
- Community Parks, Trails, Splashpad
- Adopt-A-Child Christmas
- Community Programs (Seeds of Hope, My Place Teen Center, Diaper Bank)
- High School Student Scholarships
- International Water Projects

When: March 20, 2026 - 7-9pm
Where: Wishing Pond Events
956 New County Road Dayton

TICKETS \$40



Boothbay Harbor

Ready, Set, Action!

The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club continues its strong support of local students through scholarships, mentoring, and unique educational opportunities. One of our most engaging partnerships is with the Harbor Theater, helping bring curriculum-related films—and works by local authors and filmmakers—to area youth.

This year, the Club donated \$2,500 to fund at least 15 student screenings. A similar gift last year enabled 880 students to attend films at no cost, and we expect comparable participation again.

Most recently, 35 Boothbay Region High School students viewed the Academy Award–nominated film *Hamnet*, inspired by Shakespeare’s *Hamlet*. With more book-to-film adaptations on the horizon, we anticipate another year of meaningful, relevant screenings for local students.



Bridgton-Lake Region

Mix, Mingle, Make a Difference!

In January, the Club hosted its third annual MMM. About 40 people attended this festive event, Rotarians, partners, friends and prospective Rotarians. Each year, 2-3 new memberships have been generated. This year, we attempted also to recruit Friends of Rotary, folks who only want to help out from time to time, a much-needed resource.

For more information about our club, projects and MMM, see lakeregionrotary.com or our FB page.



You're Invited:

MIX MINGLE AND



MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH ROTARY!

Join us for a casual evening of connection and community at

Highland Lake Resort
115 North High Street, Bridgton

Enjoy appetizers, drinks, and a slideshow celebrating Rotary's impact — plus a chance to shape what's next.

Whether you're curious, committed, or just want good company, we'd love to see you there!

RSVP: LakeRegionRotary@gmail.com

**FOOD
SOCIAL
DRINK**

**Thursday,
January 15
5-7 PM**

Rotary 
Bridgton-Lake Region

Dover

Trivia, Togetherness & Tribute in Dover!

Dover Rotary and Dover High School Interact spent the week bringing energy and connection to local seniors with two lively trivia visits. At Covered Bridge Manor and Langdon Place, mixed teams of students, Rotarians, and residents traded questions, laughs, and plenty of friendly competition. Both visits were filled with warm hospitality, shared stories, and genuine intergenerational fun.

At a club meeting, members heard an inspiring update on Dover's planned 9/11 Memorial, introduced by retired Mayor Bob Carrier, chair of the memorial committee. The project—supported by first responders and community leaders—has raised more than \$130,000 toward its \$200,000 goal and is slated for completion by the 25th anniversary in 2026. Designed by David Hanna, the memorial will honor lives lost, heroes who served, and the resilience that followed.



Hampton

Hampton Rotary on a Roll!

Hampton Rotarians proudly presented a check to Housing Support Inc. to assist Veterans Housing in Kingston, thanks to the dedicated efforts of member Lou Minicucci. The contribution strengthens the club's ongoing commitment to supporting veterans in the region. (Top Photo: L-R Paula Newcomb, Chris Bashaw, Lou Minicucci, John Nyhan)

The club also celebrated exciting growth with the induction of Ted Clark, marking Hampton's fifth new member this year. His addition reflects strong momentum and renewed engagement across the club. (Bottom Photo: L-R Sherry Rand, Ted Clark, Joan Correll, Lou Minicucci)

Two moments, one theme: Hampton Rotary continues to expand its impact—supporting those who served and welcoming new hands ready to help.



Kennebunkport

Kennebunkport Thanks Veterans!

Kennebunkport Rotary marked Valentine's Day by serving breakfast to members of the Kennebunkport American Legion. Rotarians were glad to offer a warm meal and a heartfelt thank-you to local veterans for their service.



Portsmouth

From Fairways to FBI Mysteries!

Golf Tournament Chair Eileen Joyce-Coute announced several upgrades for this year's event, set for June 12 at Pease Golf Club. New sponsorship opportunities include goody-bags, ball-markers, and golf towels, expanding community engagement and visibility.

President Ian continues to champion the \$25 Every Rotarian, Every Year goal, encouraging all members to meet the target by July 1.

January and February brought an impressive slate of speakers, including Geoffrey Kelly, former FBI special agent and head of the Bureau's International Art Theft Taskforce. A BU graduate and Harvard Extension School professor, Kelly discussed his new book, *Thirteen Perfect Fugitives*, and revisited the still-unsolved 1990 Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum heist, where 13 masterpieces vanished without a trace.



River Valley

New Faces, Strong Partners, Community Spirit in River Valley!

The River Valley Rotary Club welcomed new members Poonam and Sam Patel, owners of Mountain Valley Variety, who shared their early successes and pride in their team as they settle into the community. (Photo: Bottom Left. Rotarians Catherine Ross and Dave Duguay welcome the Patels)

The club received a generous Winterization donation from Aubuchon's Hardware, continuing a partnership that has supported the program, begun in 2008, over the last several years. (Photo: Top Left. Employees Erica Nason & Kevin Jamison receive an appreciation certificate from President Duguay.)

Featured speaker Nicole Cummings introduced River Valley Community Footprints, the 501(c)(3) she founded to give local youth hands-on opportunities through volunteer work, family events, educational clubs, and job-shadowing. Her group meets regularly, offers free programs, and is preparing for Winterfest. (Photo: Top Right. Jennifer Merrill, Rotarian of the Day, Nicole Cummings and her two children.)

Finally, recent president Rich Allen exchanged club flags with Jean Cunningham, president of the Rotary Club of Kissimmee, Florida.



South Berwick-Eliot

Rotary Roots for Youth!

South Berwick–Eliot Rotarians kicked off January by supporting the Marshwood Interact Club’s Christmas tree collection project. Rotarians supplied trucks and adult volunteers while Interact students handled logistics and labor. The trees were recycled into wood chips at the Eliot Transfer Station, and the students earned more than \$600—a true “beneficial to all concerned” effort.

The club also honored its latest Marshwood Middle School Student of the Month, eighth-grader May Wells. She selected the World Wildlife Fund to receive a \$100 donation in her name and was recognized for her generosity, caring spirit, and involvement in the community’s sister-city program with Tuskegee, Alabama.

A new scholarship initiative is now underway to help financially challenged high-school students afford required driver-education courses. Working with school counselors, the club funded its first student, who secured a February class slot thanks to this timely support.



Westbrook-Gorham



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

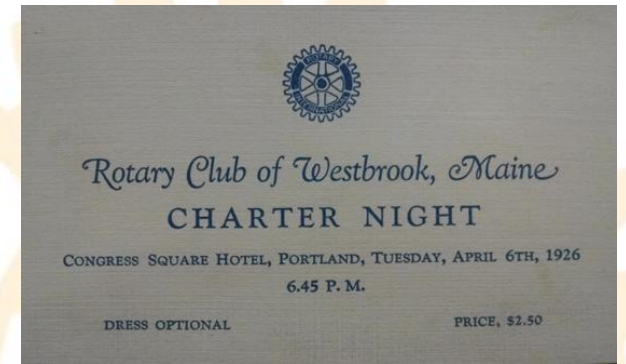
March 8, 1926
with files from the archives



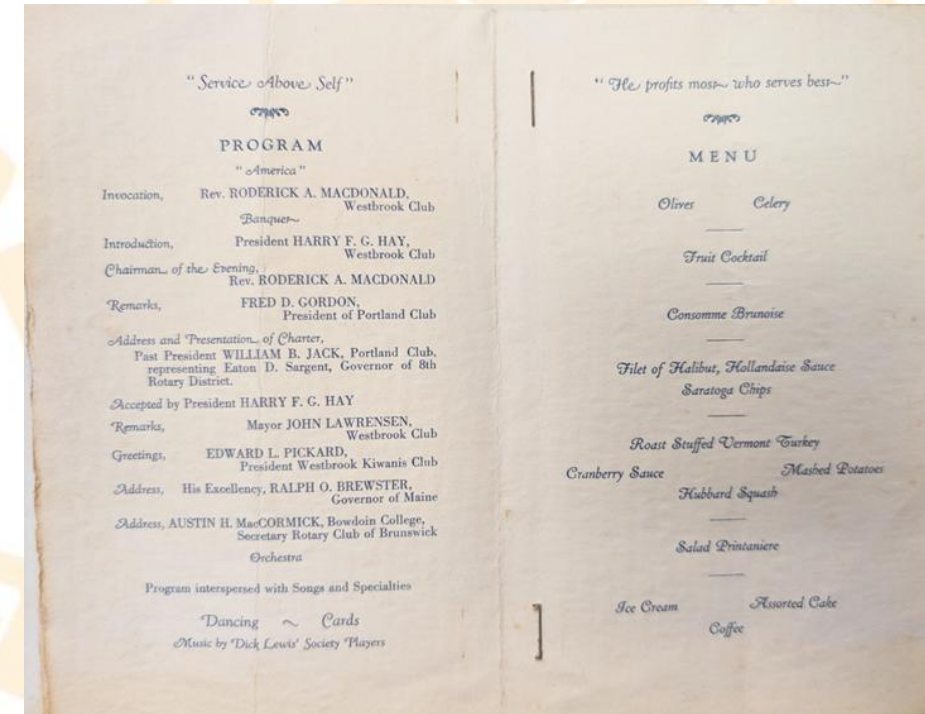
1926 Charter Members standing in front of Walker Memorial Library on Main St, Westbrook



First President Harry FG Hay Featured in the Portland Evening Express



Charter Night Dinner Ticket - \$2.50!!



Charter Night Program & Dinner Menu
Charter Presentation broadcast on WCSH Radio 7-8pm