



# Good News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS &  
COLLABORATIONS

MAY12,2025



## Bethel

The Bethel Rotary Club held its annual Country Breakfast recently and a large crowd turned out. Rotarians cooked a hearty breakfast at Gould Academy, which generously donates its dining hall. We also hosted Telstar High School seniors from the NorthStar mentoring program, which we support financially. The kids did a great job telling us about their plans for the future! And, we are gearing up for our annual Rotary 5k race in May, a big fundraiser for local after-school programs.

For more see us on Facebook or [bethelrotary.org](http://bethelrotary.org).





## Bridgton-Lake Region

We're trying our hand at another yard sale. Having not had one in 8-9 years, it seemed like club members might have accumulated enough stuff for us to raise a little money. Billed as Not Your Mother's Yard Sale, vintage furniture, workshop and garden tools, housewares, winter toys, electronics and more will be featured. To be held on Saturday, May 24 from 9AM-1PM, at 247 Main Street, Bridgton, across from Bridgton House of Pizza. The rain date is Sunday, May 25. If you'd like to contribute anything, reach out to event coordinator, Dave Barker at [Barker9731@twc.com](mailto:Barker9731@twc.com). Otherwise, come by and shop. There will be something for everyone.

For more about our club, go to [lakesregionrotary.com](http://lakesregionrotary.com) or our FB page.

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S

# YARD SALE

Saturday May 24 – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
(rain date Saturday, May 25)  
247 Main Street, Bridgton



- VINTAGE FURNITURE
- WORKSHOP TOOLS
- HOUSEWARES
- TOOLS AND TOYS FOR THE YARD
- SKIS, ICE SKATES, TOBOGGAN
- ELECTRONICS
- X-MAS DECORATIONS
- THINGS YOU NEED (BUT DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT)

The Rotary Club helps our local communities' youth, elderly, veterans and others worldwide in need of food, utilities, education, and access to health care and other services by providing financial support and engaging in hands-on projects.

**SATURDAY  
MAY  
24**

**Rotary**  
Bridgton-Lake Region



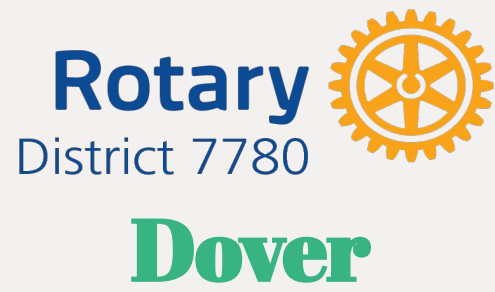




## Damariscotta - Newcastle



In spite of the April showers (and SNOW) that morning, the Rotarians of Damariscotta-Newcastle showed up and served at the Healthy Kids Fair at the CLC Y. Our stalwart team of parking/traffic directors braved snow, rain and wind to keep everyone safe. And our Karl's Kids committee smiled and enjoyed letting folks know about available assistance for low-income families' kids to participate in sports. Thanx for your service!



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church hosted the annual meals packing event sponsored by our Club. This year 20,000 meals were packed. Each meal kit bag contains 6 meals; each box contains 36 bags. Over 90 boxes were packed. Half the boxes went to 8 local food pantries. The remaining are being shipped to the LA area for folks that lost homes during the CA fires. Photos reflect events mentioned, clockwise beginning at top left.

Recently, the Rotary Club of Dover President Harry Cheney presented a check for \$1,500 to Yoga in Action. We learned from Shawn Pate and Rochelle Jewel as they accepted the donation. It will be used to provide free yoga classes to local cancer patients.

President Harry presented a check for \$1,000 to the Dover Arts Commission in support of the sculpture that is to be placed at the Joe Parks Garden. Arts commissioners Jane Hamer and Cliff Blake accepted the check and described the arch, titled "Reaching Across." The arch, crafted from recycled metals, will reference both Dover's industrial past and the garden. The sculptor is Marcus Weinfurter and the metals have been donated by Hardy Metals in North Hampton.

Welcome to our newest Rotarians, Victoria Gray and Michael Schulenberg as they begin their adventures in community service projects, fellowship, and fundraising!







## MAGIC MAY RAFFLE CALENDAR

The Rotary Club of Kittery's current fundraiser, "Magical May" raffle calendar, is off and running. Each year, many of our Kittery-area businesses, community residents and Rotarians donate gift cards, cash and other prizes to be raffled off in May. We draw 2 winners for the prizes for that day. Great fundraiser with no expenses.

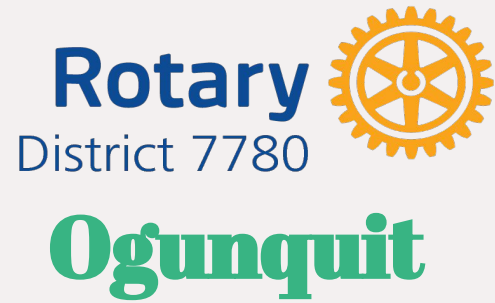
## SUPER BOWL SQUARES

The Rotary Club of Kittery organized another Super Bowl Squares fundraiser. Squares were purchased for \$30 each and quarterly winners each received \$200. Many of our favorite charitable organizations were awarded squares and two won! Another fundraiser with low expenses.

## KITTERY SCENES PHOTO CALENDAR

Last Fall, the Rotary Club of Kittery, in conjunction with local photographer Nelson Linscott, published a 16-month 2025 calendar with a different amazing photo of a Kittery scene each month. Several local businesses bought ads for each month. Each calendar sold for \$20.





### The Heart and Soul of OGT Rotary

Like all Rotary clubs, the Ogunquit club is always happy to welcome new members, and we realize the importance of attracting young members who can add new perspectives and bring new skills to our club. We are very lucky to have several younger new members who have joined us over the past year! This update, however, is about the group of seven pictured and some additional members who were not at a recent lunch meeting. All of them are over eighty years old. They actively participate in meetings and events, share their wisdom and advice, and they are an inspiration for all of us. We are so fortunate to have these Rotarians in our club, many of them for several decades, so today we honor and thank them for being role models for a life well lived. From left to right: Ray Hamlin, Ed Smith, Pete Woodbury, Carol Brennan, Ed Seppa, Connie Griffin, and Dr. Joe Boyle.





## Playground Maps

World Map - Coming Soon!

Seven Continents, 195 Countries

Fabulous Community Service and a World of Fun for all Ages

Thanks to the generosity of the Portland Sunrise Satellite Club, the World Map will be available in mid-May for use of District Clubs.

Many of our Clubs have enjoyed painting the US Map on playgrounds in elementary schools across southern Maine. Did you know that these District 7780 stencils were purchased by Governor Anne Lee Hussey (2010-2011) who was a member of the Portland Sunrise Rotary Club? Small world!

Contact PDG [Dick Hall](#) for more information about the playground maps projects.





# Rotary

District 7780

## Saco Bay

April was a busy month for the Saco Bay Rotary Club! Our Auction Extravaganza which included a two-week online auction and a night of fun with a live and ticket auction concluded on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The event was a great success with just shy of \$30,000 being raised!! Our best results ever! Our club also provided support on April 13<sup>th</sup> for the 27<sup>th</sup> year of Mary's Walk, a local fundraiser for the Maine Cancer Foundation. Several Rotarians assisted the Saco Police Department by helping with traffic enforcement at the closed cross-streets along the walking route. It was a great day of service for the club. For a night of fellowship, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, the club participated in a Chilli Cook-off with the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club and the Sunset Bay Rotary Club. All three clubs gathered at the River Winds Farm in Saco for some home-made chilli tasting and the judge for the event was Chef Hermann from the Lost Fire in Cape Porpoise. What a great turnout and lots of fun.

Photos: Chilli Cookoff Winners – John Gallo (1<sup>st</sup>) & Lucie Hatch (2<sup>nd</sup>) both from Saco Bay Rotary Club. Mary's Walk – Rotarians Dave LePauloue and Carmen Gawronski. Auction Photo – Auction MC – Rotarian Dan Cote





## Sanford-Springvale

Four talented students at Acton Elementary School qualified to compete at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals held at Michigan State University. Our club was proud to support these students by funding a portion of the expenses associated with their trip.

This is an incredible opportunity for these students to showcase their teamwork, problem-solving, and innovative thinking skills on an international stage while meeting and learning from students from across the globe.

On April 21st, our club presented a check for \$2,000 to these talented students and their parents at Acton Elementary School. The funds come from our annual Kiwanis/Rotary Golf Tournament called Chip in Fore Charity. Our 2025 tournament is being held on Friday, June 6th at Province Lake Golf Club in Parsonsfield, ME. Proceeds help us with projects like this.







## South Berwick-Eliot

### GEOGRAPHY QUIZ NIGHT

Another great Geography Quiz Night at the Great Works School in South Berwick. Many thanks to the volunteers, sponsors, donors, team members, audience, Great Works School, Kennebunk Savings Bank, and Dr. Roger Fagan and the Portland Rotary Club. Proceeds will help equip the hearing clinic at the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana, Dominican Republic.

### 10 LOCAL CITIZENS RECEIVE PAUL HARRIS AWARDS.

During three separate occasions we recognized 10 outstanding citizens with the Paul Harris Fellow award.

At a morning club meeting we honored Emily Rumble, Harland Goodwin, John Flynn, Lisa Marshall (with husband John and their band Under Cover), Marcia Gagnon, Vicki Stewart, and Emily Flinkstrom.

At a reception hosted by Berwick Academy at their Headmaster's home, we recognized James Hamilton and Amy Smucker, bottom rt, with President Helen Goransson.

At our Rotary After Hours social we honored Chris Chidester, bottom lt, with President Goransson.







## Westbrook-Gorham

**2025 Pizza Challenge:** Great community event & huge fundraising success!! Profenno's took home the Best Tasting Pizza award & WHOP won the Most Creative Pizza award, both for the second year in a row. Congrats to Rotarian Steve Rand who won the JetBlue ticket raffle.

**Mini-Golf in the Stacks:** W-G Rotary was a "hole sponsor" for this first-time event at Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook. It was a fun family affair on a very rainy Saturday at the end of school vacation week. We can't wait to do it again next year!!

**End of Service:** Our lunches provided by students of WRVC have come to an end for this school year. We celebrated with a delayed Read Across America event that included a lunch menu inspired by children's books. The books will be presented to Walker and Baxter libraries in honor of the Culinary Arts students. We also presented a personal thanks to each of the eight senior Tech 2 students along with a token of our appreciation.





## **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](mailto:RotaryNews7780@gmail.com).

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

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