



News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS &
COLLABORATIONS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022





Bath Sunrise

The Bath Sunrise Rotary Club is proud to be a sponsor of the Patten Free Library's Third Annual BATH BOOK BASH on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you find yourself in the area, or even better, bring the whole family to Library Park in Historic Downtown Bath for a full day of fun! Our Club President Al Mesrobian is seen here presenting a donation to Katy Dodge, the Children's Room Manager and Lesley Dolinger, the Library Director, to help support this wonderful event. There will be 20 authors on hand, and lots of activities for the whole family.





Bethel

Lots happening at The Rotary Club of Bethel.

1. We held our annual week-long yard sale the first week in August. It was wildly successful earning over \$10k more than previous years. This will allow the club to increase its scholarship budget and potentially add new vocational scholarships. The yard sale is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Bethel Rotary Club and has become a much-anticipated community-wide event! 2. The Bethel club partnered with Gould Academy to support 8 recent immigrant families in Lewiston/Auburn with donations of furniture, kitchen items, and clothing. 3. On August 14th, the Bethel Club grilled burgers at the Annual Mahoosuc Land Trust Monarch Butterfly Festival. 4. On September 18th, we invite all Rotarians to the 6th Annual Rotary 5K and 1 mile. Register online at <http://www.runreg.com/bethel-rotary-5K> . 5. On September 11th, from noon – 4, we will be collaborating with the Local Food Connection, Bethel Area Arts & Music, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, and The Mahoosuc Way to host the 2nd Annual Mahoosuc Art & Agriculture Tour. Tickets are available online at <http://www.tinyurl/2022maat>. Tours will bring you to six local farms featuring their products, as well as featuring local artists at each location. 6. For more news, check out our website <https://bethelrotary.org>.





Bridgton-Lake Region

SEEKING GOLFERS FOR 13TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC ON SAT., SEPT., 17TH.
Held at the Bridgton Highlands Country Club, this is the club's biggest fundraiser and allows us to do all our work in the community. Registration and refreshments at 8:00 am and Shotgun start at 9:00 am. This is an 18-hole scramble format with barbecue and awards following play. A Myrtle Beach Golf Vacation, valued at \$5000, will be awarded for a Hole in One. A winner in 2021 with Chair of the Golf Committee, Dr. Lisa Ryan.

Most of our sponsors are onboard again this year, but we would be happy to welcome others. We are especially interested in increasing the number of golfers. At \$100 per player, teams and individuals are encouraged to obtain a registration form and more information at our website <https://lakeregionrotary.com> Most of our sponsors are onboard again this year, but we would be happy to welcome others. We are especially interested in increasing the number of golfers. At \$100 per player, teams and individuals are encouraged to obtain a registration form and more information at our website <https://lakeregionrotary.com> or by emailing LakeRegionRotary@gmail.com.

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



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Damariscotta-Newcastle

The Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary and Lions Clubs held their 25th annual golf tournament at Wawenock Golf Club on July 30th. All proceeds raised are split 50-50 between the 2 clubs and then used to support local programs and services in our communities. Always a fun event, the weather was perfect this year and we all had wicked fun, while being of service.

Pictured: Past President Billy Claflin and Rotarian Eddie Cheung are eager to get started.

The Salt Bay LEGS Rotary and RC of Damariscotta-Newcastle worked together to support the Back-to-School Bash at the Central Lincoln County Y. An assembly line of many Rotarians made quick work of filling 205 backpacks and later volunteering at the event.

Thanx to Dirk and Linda Brunner, the Club again had a fabulous afternoon at Clark's Cove, Walpole, at their annual, traditional lobster bake. Lobsters fresh from the sea, steamers, corn, potatoes and hard-boiled eggs, cooked in fire pit of seaweed. Perfect weather, good company. #5 of the 4-Way test: Is it fun?!?!



Dover

As the school year approaches, the Rotary Club of Dover receives requests through local school nurses and guidance counselors for kids needing shoes and boots. Our Rotary Shoe & Boot program partners with Red's Shoe Barn to help these kids and their families. This year's request was from the Dover Children's Home to help 7 kids get shoes for the new school year. Club Treasurer Phil Rinaldi presented a check for \$1,500 for shoes and clothes so that these children can have what they need when school starts!

The make-over of the Dover Youth Softball League concession stand was done with the help of a \$5,000 grant donation from the Rotary Club of Dover. The new updated home will allow the organization to feed and hydrate players and guests. Good luck in your next softball season! ⚾



Hampton

Hampton Rotary Club installs Plaques on Gazebo Downtown

In memory of two former Rotarians, our club has installed two plaques on the gazebo in downtown Hampton!

The club had the gazebo painted when we received a donation from Harold Eames' estate. Harold was a charter member. His daughter, Sara, came up from Florida to visit the club and say a few words.

Richard Correll was the Winnacunnet High School Scholarship founder. Our club has continued giving out scholarships to seniors every year. His wife, Joan, has been a member of our club for many years.



Kittery

Hitting the ground running, Kittery Rotary Club's 2022-2023 President Pam Gray initiated a campaign to re-invigorate Club membership with a Meet and Greet Event on July 27th, inviting people from throughout the community to hear more about what Rotary does and can do for the community, potentially with their input. The second part of this approach is to offer a Test Drive membership, a 3-month participation with the Club without having to make a commitment to join the Club or to pay dues. We attracted several interested people and will continue the program through this year with a goal of expanding the club and gaining new energy. We were delighted to have District Governor Claudia Frost come down to join us for the evening event.



Ogunquit

The Rotary Club of Ogunquit held its annual 2 Cents Sale in-person this year and due to the generosity of our community, we made over \$15K, which is a record for this event. Beyond the financial success, it was an incredible evening of joy and re-connecting with the Ogunquit community. Our amazing club members, and some additional volunteers, pitched in everywhere they were needed to ensure that the event ran smoothly and was fun for all involved. Special thanks to club members Erin Haye and Tracy Smith who were co-leaders of this event.





Oxford Hills

Oxford Hills Rotary wants to thank W. J. Wheeler Insurance Company for their generous donation of \$475. They offered to donate \$25 per referral from our club and/or club members for the month of July!

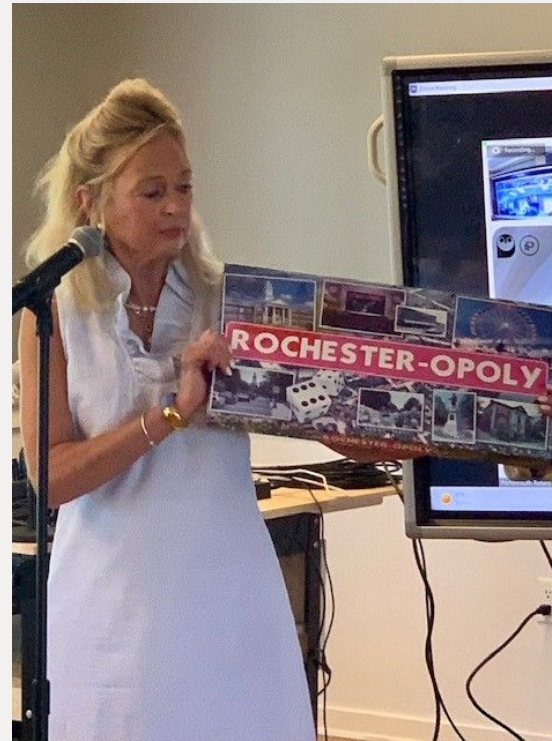
The Club is also proud to report the Oxford Hills based Andy Valley 12 & Under baseball team won the 2022 Cal Ripken World Series Championship! It was held in Waterville, ME and teams from all across the US came to compete. Congrats Andy Valley!!



Portsmouth

Portsmouth Rotary July-August 2022 News Summary

The club made a \$5,000 dollar donation to Gather for the purchase of fresh produce and \$1,500 gifts to My Breast Cancer Support and Seacoast Community Lunch. To help raise money for the Club's 100th birthday March 23, Barb Miller is heading a committee to develop a Portsmouth Monopoly Board game. In keeping with President Joanie's Mental Health Awareness theme, the club is launching a committee to keep us engaged with activities that promote mental health awareness. Sara Treacy and Betsy Scott lead "Operation Warm" which provides "warmth confidence" for the needy. New winter coats and athletic shoes are being collected. The club added a new member, Dr. Susan Krolewski, a Portsmouth primary care physician. Finally, new UNH Head Football Coach Rick Santos gave an inspirational talk to the club, leading a parade of engaging programs over the period.



Saco Bay Sunset

The Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset has been rocking this past month away by helping at the Old Orchard Beach Ballpark. Each Thursday evening, club members have been attending the Rock the Summer Concert Series 2022. Part of their “service above self” have been admitting attendees to the ballpark, working at the VIP table, selling the 50/50 and other tasks as needed. Attendees enjoyed great music from bands such as [Running' Down a Dream-the Tom Petty Tribute Band](#) and the No Shoes Nation Band. At the last concert the Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset provided service, there were over 750 people in attendance for the Classic Rock Orchestra! Thanks, Jim Swain, for the photos.



South Portland- Cape Elizabeth

South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary is Collaborative Sponsor in Concert Series.

The Sounds By The Sea summer concert series returned to beautiful Fort Williams Park on Monday evenings beginning in July and continued through August.

Sponsors included: Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, American Family Care Urgent Care, Two Lights Dental, Tammaro Landscaping and Property Services, Inn by the Sea, Legacy Properties Sotheby's, and Ainsworth, Thelin & Raftice P.A. The South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club placed a van to accept donations to benefit the South Portland Food Cupboard and Judy's Pantry.



Westbrook-Gorham

The Westbrook-Gorham Rotary celebrated the return of its annual lobster bake on August 23 thanks to hosts VP Phil Spiller and Brooke Skillings. More than 50 guests including DG Claudia Frost, PDG Peggy Belanger, AG Dennis Robillard and wife Marybeth, and members of the Sebago Lake Windham club enjoyed the feed. Special guests, The Jimmy Macisso Trio, provided wonderful music. Fun for all ages.

Next up for WG Rotary is the September 19 Golf Classic with a fundraising goal of \$24,000. Golfers invited! WGRotary.org.



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

If you didn't see your Club News in this issue of the District Newsletter, it is likely we did not receive it. We love to hear from all of you. About 75 words and a couple of photos. Send your material to: RotaryNews7780@gmail.com.

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