



Good News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS
& COLLABORATIONS

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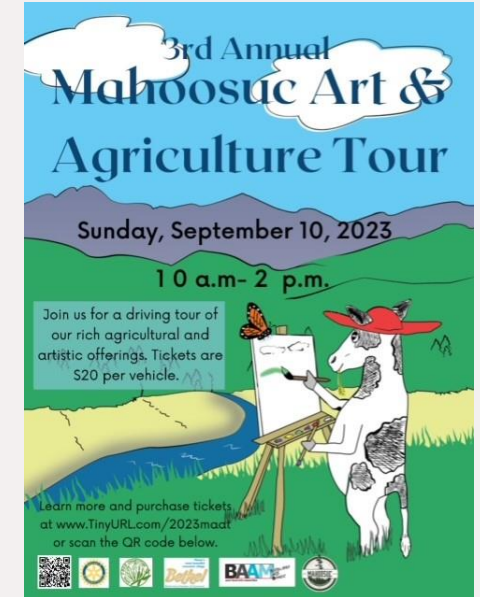
Bethel has two major upcoming events in September. All are welcome.

3rd Annual Mahoosuc Art & Agriculture Tour on Sunday, September 10th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Join us for a driving tour of our rich agricultural and artistic offerings. Tickets are \$20/vehicle. Learn more & purchase tickets at www.TinyURL.com/2023maat.

Bethel Club & Mahoosuc Kids, 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Youth Run, Sunday, September 17th 8:30 a.m. start at Valentine Farm Conservation Center, 162 N Rd., Bethel. Register at www.runreg.com/bethel-rotary-5K.

More about both events at <https://bethelrotary.org>.

Photos of members in midst of weeklong Annual Yardsale and cleanup after the club's biggest fundraiser held during the first week of August.



Bridgton-Lake Region

Our Club is holding its 14th Annual Golf Tournament on September 16 at the Bridgton Highlands Country Club. Sponsorship information and golfer and team registration can be found at our website <https://lakeregionrotary.com> or contact Team Leader and PE Lisa Ryan for more information at lakeregionrotary@gmail.com. We are seeking golfers and all are welcome.

Recent speakers included Chief Phil Jones of the Bridgton Police Dept who spoke of the issues the police are facing and James Jordan who informed members of programs in Maine working with veterans suffering from traumatic injuries.

For more information on these projects, see our website: <https://lakeregionrotary.com> or our FB Page.



14th Annual GOLF
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Save the Date

BRIDGTON HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB



SATURDAY
September
16th



To Register Click Here

For More Info. Email - LakeRegionRotary@gmail.com



Dover

Fellowship at our Together on Tuesday. DG Marion and others from the Dover and the S. Berwick-Eliot RC's enjoyed tapas and cheer. Thank you Liz & Gregg Dowty for hosting.

We welcomed new member Brendan Madden to our Club. He was pinned by his sponsor Gregg Dowty.

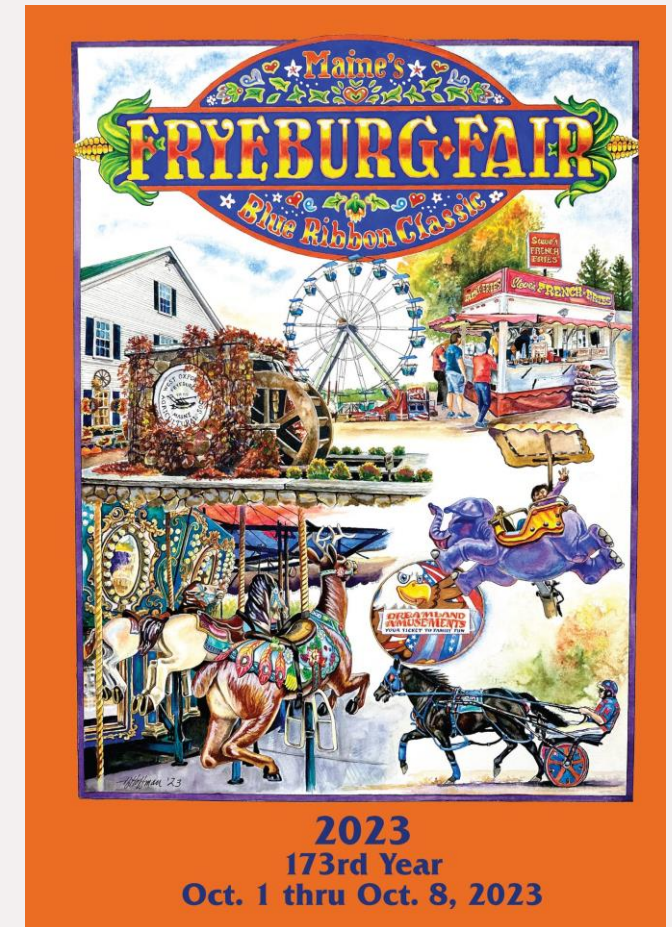
Backpacks filled with school supplies to be distributed to kids at an ice cream smorgasbord. Two youngsters help with stuffing the backpacks.



Fryeburg Area

When the Fryeburg Fair is in full swing, everyone in Fryeburg is at the Fair, just getting home from the Fair, or getting ready to go. That's how it is with the Fryeburg Area RC. This year we are opening up the opportunity for others to join us in the fun. For years and years, we have had the Potato Booth, the first at the Fair, one of the Fair's most nutritious meals. Well, post pandemic, we had a chance to take over the much roomier Veterans booth so now in addition to fully loaded potatoes and chili, we have Maine's famous red hot dogs and other goodies. And, we invite you to take a shift. Ask anyone who does it, it's fun. Just take a look at the schedule at the link and sign on below. Or reach out the Nancy Boros, at npb201@gmail.com or President Laura Naughton at fryeburgarearotary@gmail.com. See you at the Fair!

[Click Here for Potato Book Signup](#)



Oxford Hills

Our Club welcomed two new members. David Knox is the new Chief of the Norway Fire Department. He lives in South Paris with his wife, Liz, Club Treasurer, and their 5 dogs. Shown L to R: Club President Beth Abbott performing the induction ceremony and presenting him with his badge and mug, Chief David Knox and club sponsor, Liz Knox. Jeff Noblin is the newly appointed President of Stephens Memorial Hospital and Western Maine Health. He comes from West Virginia and will be living in South Paris with his wife and 2 teenage daughters. Jeff has been a Rotarian for 20 years; his dad was also a Rotarian. Shown L to R: Jeff Noblin and sponsor, Past President George Rice performing the induction ceremony and presenting him with his badge and mug.

On August 12th the Club was joined by DG Marion and husband, Harry, along with members and friends from the River Valley, Bridgton-Lake Region and Bethel Clubs to enjoy a night at the Seadogs. OH Member Dan Hart is a Seadogs Host and made all the arrangements including perfect Maine summer weather! Can you recognize any folks in the pic?





Portland

On August 22, Portland Rotary partnered with the Portland Boys and Girls Club, Lamey Wellehan, and The Locker Project on a Back-to-School event for New Mainer elementary students.

Lamey Wellehan and New Balance distributed sneakers and socks, Rotary donated backpacks stuffed with school supplies, and The Locker Project and Gorham Savings Bank provided snacks and games for the students.

It was a fun-filled afternoon as 135 children received new shoes, new backpacks, school supplies and treats. The kids were excited, filled with anticipation and confidence, and ready for the new school year.

It was wonderful to see all those smiling faces and to partner with such great organizations!



Portsmouth

The BOD approved a William Cash Grant of \$14,000 for New Generations in Greenland to help update bathrooms and install a new front door.

Seven club members gathered on an August morning to paint bleachers at Portsmouth's Leary Field. Midge Nelson came up with this hands-on project idea.

This year's Christmas ornament will be the Gundalow. "It's the first moving object we've had for an ornament," Yvonne said, thanking Janice Cassidy who annually coordinates this effort.

A Rotaplast trip is confirmed for Narnaul, India, September 22 thru October 5, 2024. The first planning session will be at the Surf Club in Rye September 11 at 5 PM.

Past-president Tricia Cummings presented an emotional Paul Harris award to Pat Ramsey, recognizing exceptional career of service as owner and president of the Edgewood Center, a senior living facility which she is selling.





South Berwick- Eliot

Three of the five Marshwood students who went to the RYLA camp this summer in Raymond, Maine, came to the South Berwick-Eliot Rotary Club to talk about their experiences. Chloe Walker, James Foss and Lana Emery were accompanied by the camp director Emily Rumble, an English teacher at Marshwood High who also leads the Interact Club, and RYLA Senior Staff Assistant Bridget, who lives in York and is a RYLA leader.

“It is life-changing and transformative,” Emily said, adding, “you are not the same person you once were” after going to RYLA camp. “Every day you learn a little more and feel the friction of growing. You realize what you are truly capable of. By day four you are running the show and by the end the staff/camper dynamic shifts.”

From left to right: Emily Rumble (RYLA Co-Director and MHS Interact Advisor), James Foss, Chloe Walker and Lana Emery (3 of the 5 MHS students who attended RYLA this June).





Westbrook-Gorham

Serving Westbrook-Gorham communities since 1926, our 98th year will be 3/8/2024!

At the celebratory changeover event, PP Christine Johnson passed the gavel to Crystal Brown, who is the Community Marketing Manager for Aroma Joe's ME/NH and only the 10th women to serve as the President of the club. Pictured l-r: PP Christine Johnson, PP Kathi Perkins, President Crystal Brown, and Rotarian Sandy Bonney. 2nd Picture l-r: Brooke Skillings, Crystal, and PP Judith Reidman.

We are proud to support economic development through our long-time partnership with Westbrook Regional Vocational Center and the City of Westbrook. Since 1957, we have partnered with the WRVC to fund and sell homes constructed by the students. This provides the opportunity for hands-on, real-world experience for the students and provides funding for many scholarships.

Each year, we sell Christmas trees and wreaths in Riverbank Park, Westbrook. We also host our annual golf tournament in mid-September. More about the current year's tournament at: <https://westbrookgorhamrotarygolf.org/>

Watch for upcoming events at <https://westbrookgorhamrotary.org>.



Yarmouth

Team Yarmouth doing a little Rotary Brand Awareness during Yarmouth Clam Festival (along with assisting the Chamber).





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.

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

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