

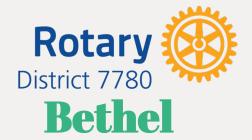
# Good News from the Clubs

**ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS** 

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS & COLLABORATIONS

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2024** 





No moss grows under the feet of Bethel Rotarians! August found us raising more than \$30,000 for scholarships and community programming at our Annual 6-day yard sale. Pictured here is the clean up crew, but nearly all of our nearly 50 members pitched in during the event.

We look forward to our Annual 5K Run/Walk and 1 mile youth run on Sunday Sept 15th. All are welcomed to register at http://www.runreg.com/bethel-rotary-5K. All proceeds are earmarked to support after school and enrichment programming for the youth of the Bethel area.

In August we welcomed DG Bob MacKenzie and ADG Julie Forbes at our meeting (Photo bottom right). We also presented past president Alison Aloisio with a Paul Harris Fellow for her commitment to the Rotary Foundation. Current President, Richard Tummon is pictured with her (Photo bottom left).

More info at bethelrotary.org



7:00 am - Registration

8:30 am - 1 mile Youth Race (12 & under) - Free

9:00 am - 5K Run/Walk

Register - www.runreg.com/bethel-rotary-5K

18 & Under - Free | Over 18 - \$15 pre-reg. | \$20 day of



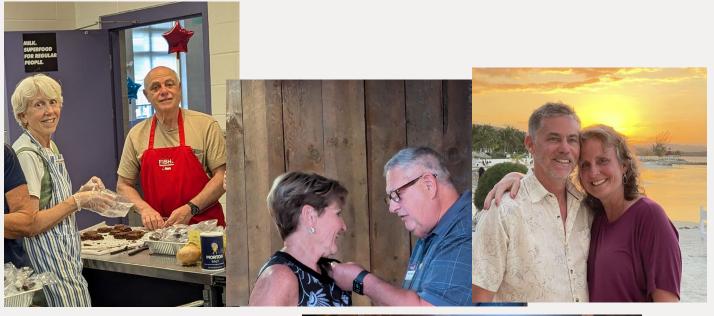




# **Bridgton-Lake Region**

First an update on our new members in calendar year 2024. In February 2024 we shared the results of our Mix, Mingle and Make a Difference event. As a result, we have inducted 4 new members. 3 of whom attended the event and a 4th who picked up on the momentum. For a club that averages 20 members, 4 represents a 20 percent increase. We are very proud of that and want to highlight our new members here. Photos clockwise from upper left, Ann and Dan Lasman are transplants from Mass. Ann is a retired educator and Dan was in business. She is passionate about community gardens, as a master gardener, and about childhood literacy. Dan wants to start a mentoring program at the high school. Patty Burns is a retired nurse who loves the outdoors, she rides her bike long distances and is on the board of the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA). Here being inducted by Treasurer George Klauber. Finally, Mark Schrader is a former educator as well. And wants to work with students in our programs in education. Pictured here with his wife Julie. All are enthusiastically involved in projects of the club.

Our Changeover Dinner was celebrated at the Bear Mt Inn + Barn with many members and family celebrating the New Rotary Year. Photo of PP Aaron Hagan passing the honor to President Lisa Ryan.









The 2024 Back to School Bash in Damariscotta was held at the Central Lincoln County Y (a corporate member of D-N Rotary) and both the Damariscotta-Newcastle and Salt Bay LEGS clubs participated. D-N assisted with parking as well as staffing an information table sharing about our Karl's Kids program. Far right set of photos.

For more information about our programs, check out our Facebook page and District 7780 People of Action FB page.

D-N Rotary was a sponsor for the Community Plate Story Sharing Supper "Inn Good Company" held at The Inn Along the Way, August 1st. We served on the planning committee as well as assisted with parking. What a fabulous evening!







## Dover

Had a great night with fellow Rotarians at Castaways Boathouse! (Top photo)

Lots of backpacks, ice cream, and smiles as we handed out school supplies to students heading back to school in Dover. Received many personal thank you's. (Bottom right photo)

Portsmouth Rotarians and Past Presidents Aileen Dugan and Cleo Villaflores (L-R) attended a recent club meeting to preview the visioning process and the potential of a session for our club that would lead to a 3-5 year strategic plan. (Bottom left photo)

Lovers of mini golf were invited to support the Dover Mental Health Alliance. On October 2nd 🕹 at the Fun Center. Dover RC is supporting this fun event for a good cause.









## Kennebunkport

The Kennebunkport Rotary Club just completed its largest fundraiser of the year—our annual Duck Race! This year's event was a huge success, bringing in \$11,874.65 in profits!

NewsCenter Maine came down to participate and share the news! All proceeds from the event will fund programs in our community throughout the year.

#### Photo

Group shot: (Front I-r) Kate Howell, Ki Leffler, Jennifer Brooks, Peggy Belanger, Danny Gallant, (Back I-r) Stephanie Simpson, James Steckell, Laura Andrews, Bob Wester





We're excited to announce our new Lobster Raffle fundraiser!

Beginning August 25, 2024, during cruise ship arrivals, Portland Rotary will be staffing a booth in the Old Port at 6 Commercial Street, next to Summer Feet Cycling. We are selling raffle tickets to benefit our charitable work, including the Lift All Boats Project, a summer mentorship to help students from diverse backgrounds learn the lobstering trade.

Drawing November 8, 2024

1st Prize: 8 Maine Lobsters,

2nd Prize: 4 Maine Lobsters

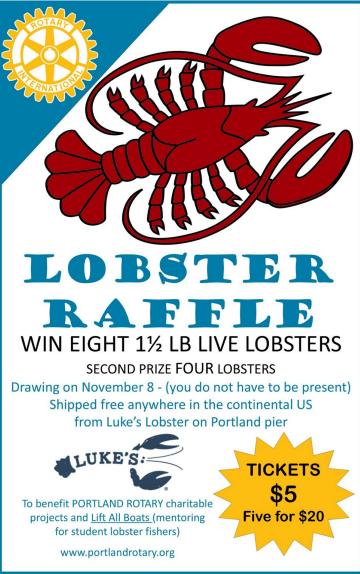
Tickets: \$5/1, \$20/5, \$100/30

Shipped free anywhere in the continental US.

This initiative is in partnership with Luke's Lobster.

If you'd like to purchase tickets or learn more, please reach out to a Portland Rotarian or go to portlandrotary.org







We never missed a beat as new president Midge Nelson assumed leadership duties. July saw Caitlyn Hassett's Vocational Awards Committee honor four "unsung heroes" at our annual Vocational Awards luncheon (Photo: Midge Nelson with Award Winners (L to R) Diane and Bill DaGiau, Mike Sullivan, Elaine Menard, and Heather Wheeler) (Caitlyn in photo bottom left.) The function celebrates one of Rotary's 5 Avenues of Service.

New Community Service Chair Bria Day recruited several of us to help at the Krempels Brain Injury Center barbecue on August 14. We also resumed our commitment to help prepare an evening meal monthly at Crossroads House.

Program Chair Norm Olsen produced a steady stream of excellent speakers including Manchester Mayor Joyce Craig (D-NH), a gubernatorial candidate. (Photo bottom right: Midge with Joyce Craig) The club donates a gift card to Families First in honor of each presenter.

The BOD approved two Jeremy Alex Fund requests. One for \$2,500 to Soul Model, which runs camp trips for young girls to instill empowerment. The second request came from PMAC for \$3,000 to support three scholarships for three students over three years.









# Sebago Lake

We love our lobster rolls here in District 7780. Let's support our Sebago Lake RC on Friday, September 27, 4:30-6:00 PM at Windham Veterans Center, 35 Veterans Memorial Drive, Windham. And enjoy a wonderful Lobster Roll, Chips, Coleslaw and Dessert. Only \$25 each. Pre-Order by 3PM Sept. 26 online at SebagoLakeRotary.org or call 207-310-7629, M-F 9-3.

Proceeds benefit Sebago Lake's Charitable work.

#### **Sebago Lake Rotary Club**

Drive Thru

### LOBSTER ROLL DINNER



# FRIDAY, SEPT. 27<sup>TH</sup> 4:30-6:00PM

@Windham Veterans Center \$25 each ~ Additional Donations Welcome!



We will accept checks made out to the Sebago Lake Rotary Club or exact cash at the drive-thru. Serving stops promptly at 6pm Dinner Includes Lobster Roll, Chips, Coleslaw & Dessert

#### PRE-ORDER BY 3PM ON SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup>

online at: SebagoLakeRotary.org (or call 207-310-7629 M-F 9am-3pm)

Proceeds to benefit the Sebago Lake Rotary Charitable Account

Thank You to our Sponsors













# Sanford-Springvale

Each year, our club staffs a booth at the Acton Fair, where we sell our world-famous chicken livers and ice cream. This year we made nearly \$8000, which will ultimately benefit the club, the charities we help support, and our youth programs (like RYLA). Attached is a photo of Rotarians who helped staff the booth.

Prior to the Acton Fair itself, a team of Rotarians demolished, rebuilt, and painted our booth. You can read more about their efforts in the following Facebook post depicting the entire process.

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=pfbid01NpawhupUT9SDsh2LHZ58Tt6g3WVq9QsQwyB73RyzeAu3AdUSQt9u8rfocLpnzdyl&id=100063600512671.







### Westbrook-Gorham

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary is very fortunate to meet yearround at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center, which is part of the Westbrook school system. From mid-October to mid-May, we enjoy the talents of the Culinary Arts students and their Chef Instructor. The rest of the year, we're on our own for lunch, so we try to be creative and mix things up a bit. The past few summers we've taken "field trips" at least once a month to interesting venues around Westbrook and Gorham. This summer we visited the Gorham Skate Park, Gorham Historical Society, held our annual lobster bake, and enjoyed lunch at Quarryside a Rock Row in Westbrook. We've also taken advantage of the hospitality of Rotarian Eli Small who is an owner of Brookside Food & Drink. We thank all these locations for hosting a meeting this summer!!

Our lobster bake was held at the Sebago Lake home of our President Phil Spiller and his partner Brooke. We were pleased to welcome Rotarians from around the district, including from the local Sebago Lake Club. A great event!!







## 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: <a href="mailto:RotaryNews7780@gmail.com">RotaryNews7780@gmail.com</a>.

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

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