

Rotary
District 7780



News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS
SERVICE, FUNDRAISING AND
CELEBRATIONS
MARCH 1, 2021



Bethel

The Bethel Rotary is pleased to help sponsor the Telstar High School Student of the Month celebration, that rewards students for going above and beyond in school and the community. Pictured here are the awardees for January/February 2021. L-r: Livia Doucette, senior; Makenzie Eliot, freshman; and Hunter Lake, sophomore. Not pictured Natasha Mason, junior.



Biddeford-Saco

The Club officially signed a twinning agreement with the Cosmopolitan Rotary Club in Amman Jordan. The two Rotary groups met via Zoom to officially join as sister clubs. This is the second twinning outreach of this sort for the Biddeford and Saco Rotary Club. The other sister club is the Rotary Club of Bideford, England. If you would like more information about twinning, visit the Club's website:

<http://www.biddeford-sacorotary.org/>





Bridgton-Lake Region

President Elect Jessica Putnam recently returned to work and Rotary duties after maternity leave. She shares how she had her cake and ate it too at [Home Page | Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region \(lakeregionrotary.com\)](https://lakeregionrotary.com).

Interesting speakers over past few weeks included Portland-based FBI Agent Andrew Drewer who provided tips on how to avoid scams. Representatives of the New England Arab American Association provided insight into the immigrant situation in Maine. Local business owners informed us how they are surviving the pandemic.





Dover

As part of Phase II of the Million Mask Challenge, the Rotary Club of Dover received an additional 5,000 masks that were to be delivered to organizations and businesses. Thank you to President, Gregg Dowty and Rotarians & Assistant Governors, Melissa Lesniak & Malcolm McNeill for picking up the masks. Our club coordinated the distribution of the masks as we look to keep our community safe together!!!

The residents and staff of the Wentworth Home were very excited and thankful for the masks. They are limited in who can visit, yet they will be protected for those that are able to visit.

For more news about the Club and members' interviews, visit the facebook page -Rotary Club of Dover NH





Durham-Great Bay

Those wishing to support the Durham Great Bay Rotary Club can purchase top shelf, beautiful, top of the line fruit gift Boxes.

Orders ship directly from Indian River to the Ship To address designated by the buyer. The site takes all forms of payment, and all orders carry 100% money back satisfaction guarantees.

Some Companies and Professional Rotarians have purchased gift boxes as a thank you to their valued customers and/or employees.

FMI: Contact Stephen Kniaz, President,
0518Spk@gmail.com.





Ogunquit

Ogunquit Rotary Club and The Front Porch team up to sponsor a Day of Warming

On Saturday, February 6th, four members of the Ogunquit Rotary Club brought fellowship and hot meals to the Wells/Ogunquit Senior Center. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the number of Rotarians and seniors had to be a lot lower than prior years but the warmth and good food tradition was able to continue. Food this year was donated by The Front Porch and Rotarian Erin Haye contributed individually wrapped cupcakes and festive napkin rolls with utensils. 50 meals were made and served on premise, or delivered by Senior Center staff and volunteers to seniors unable to attend in person. Visit OgunquitMERotary.org for more details.

Pictured in the photo from left to right are Rotarians Erin Haye (Treasurer), Susan DeQuattro (President), Gail Bergeron and Nancy Lowenberg.





Portland

Portland Rotary to Dedicate Memorial Bench to Loretta Rowe

Loretta Rowe was the one of the first women to join the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine becoming a member in 1988. She was an exemplary Rotarian who lived the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." She served as the first woman President of the Portland Rotary Club during the 1998-1999 Rotary year. Loretta later served as an Assistant District Governor for Rotary District 7780, and she was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow on multiple occasions. She also served as Club Secretary for the Portland Rotary Club for several years. Loretta was an energetic, engaged and enthusiastic member of Rotary who was loved and respected by all members of her Rotary family. Sadly, she died on September 24, 2020, after a 4-year challenge with cancer. She was 75 years old. Portland Rotarians generously contributed memorial donations to remember and recognize Loretta's service. The donations will purchase a granite memorial bench engraved to honor Loretta's service to Rotary. Portland Rotary President Ellen Niewoehner announced that the memorial bench will be located in Rotary Cove, a small park located near the Ferry Terminal and overlooking Casco Bay, in Portland. A date for the dedication will be announced in the spring. Read her obituary at this [link here](#).





South Portland Cape Elizabeth

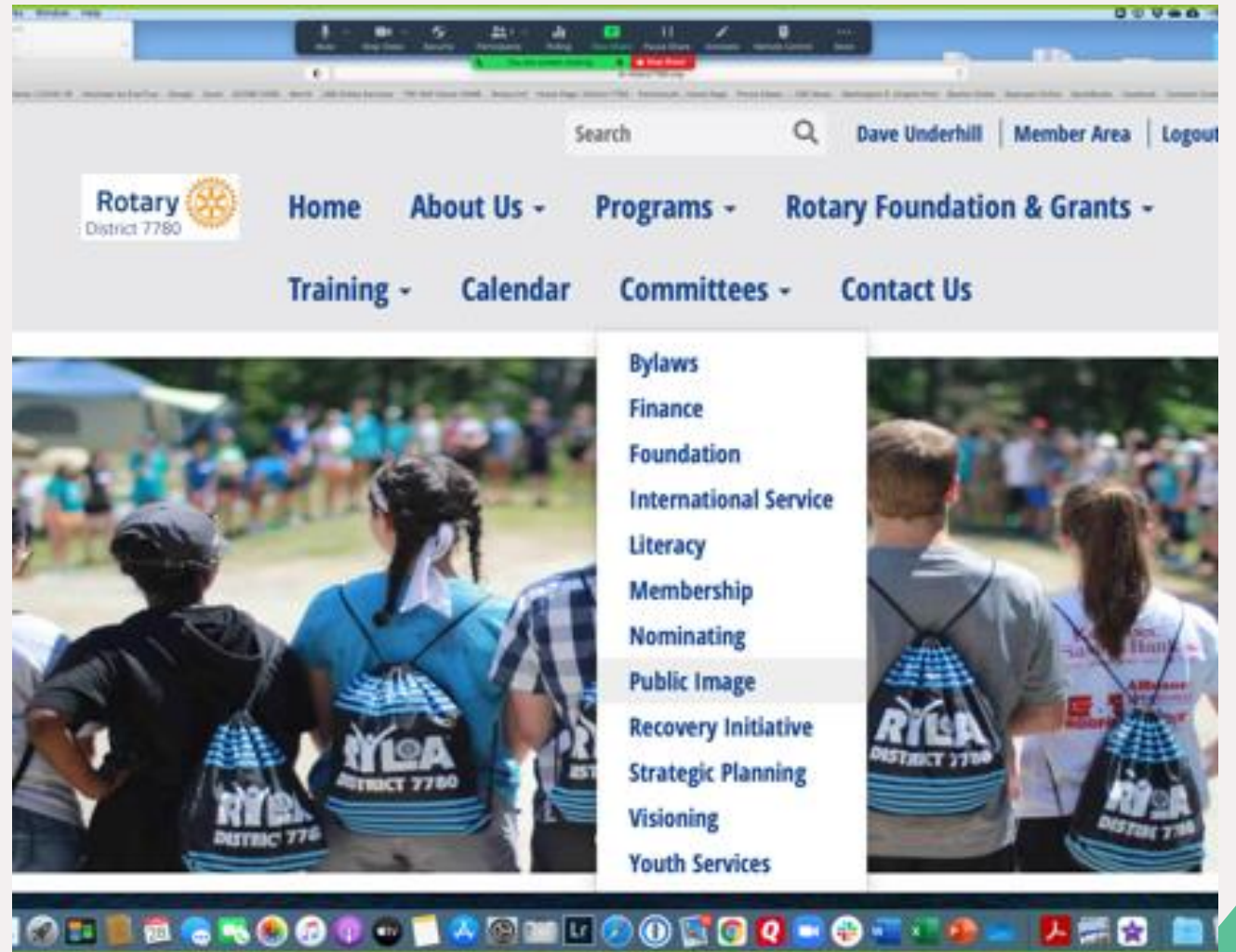
- Attention District 7780 Rotarians
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- Save The Date !
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- The SPCE Rotary Club invites you to join an innovative meeting featuring
 - Brian King, RI Director of Membership Development
 - March 31st via Zoom.
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- Please join the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club meeting. Brian King and his team develop and implement targeted efforts at the club, district, zone, and organizational level that strengthen each club's capacity to attract and engage a vibrant and diverse member base. Brian King is a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston, a Rotary Foundation benefactor, and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. [More information and access details to follow.](#)





District PR/Image Chair

Rather than hosting yet another Zoom meeting, I plan to post helpful ideas and suggestions on the District website on a regular basis. To access these ideas, please go to the District Website, make sure you are logged in as a member, and then simply select "Public Image" under the Committees selection on the navigational bar. At this time, there is a tutorial of building a year end presentation for your club as well as several sample press releases. Every PR/Image chairperson that has an idea to be shared is encouraged to send it to me for posting: mlester97@hotmail.com.





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