

Rotary
District 7780



News from the Clubs

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





Bethel

The month of October found our club meeting weekly by zoom, but still finding useful ways to help our communities and get together in person. We held a club social at past President Michele Cole's home and several Rotarians gathered on two separate occasions to cut, split and deliver firewood to families in need in the Bethel area. Many thanks to everyone who helped out!



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Bridgton-Lake Region

The Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club handed over its \$10,000 match for local donations to the Magic Lantern Innovation Lab & Learning Center project. On Tuesday, October 12th, President Jessica Putnam handed a check for \$10,000 to Susan Jennings, Executive Director, of the 4H Foundation at the University of Maine, the organization behind this project. This was a pledged match for the first \$10,000 raised from local citizens, nonprofits and small businesses in the lakes region. Nine proud Rotarians are with the displayed check, Aaron Hagan, President Elect, George Klauber, Carol Rothenberg, Therese Johnson, Jessica Putnam, Carol Madsen, Julie Forbes, Dave Barker, and Rick Whelchel. For more information about our programs and our Club in general, check out <https://lakeregionrotary.com> and the Facebook page.





Damariscotta-Newcastle

TRUNK OR TREAT, THANKSGIVING DINNERS, FESTIVAL OF TREES & SHELTERBOX

The Club is assisting the Damariscotta Police Department and CLC Y with Trunk or Treat on Halloween and also filling boxes with the makings of a family Thanksgiving Dinner.

We will again be presenting Festival of Trees. Local merchants, banks, individuals and our Club decorate trees with goodies, gift certificates, and other items. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Buyers then “vote” by placing their ticket in front of the tree they want to win. Winners receive both the tree and decorations. Further details at our website dnmrotary.org.

The Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary has a long history of supporting projects in Haiti, including a water supply project at Hopital Universitaire Justinien in Cap-Haitien. Our response to multiple crises this year was a \$5,000 donation to ShelterBox, designated for Haitian relief.





Dover

Look at how beautiful the Rotary Gardens are in Henry Law Park. All ready for Fall. Thank you to our Rotarians who help throughout the year create a beautiful welcome to those in our downtown community.

The Rotary Club of Dover NH hosted its 2nd Annual Rotary SHRED IT Mobile Shredding Event. Last year we filled one truck with shredded documents; this year, we filled almost two! Lots of sun and FUN as our Rotarians assisted with drop-offs and donations. A big thanks to the Dover High School Interact students and our Shred It sponsors!

Pints of ice cream to end Polio! At a recent club meeting, we raised \$297.00 to donate to Polio Plus. Lots of ice cream, toppings and FUN.





Exeter

1. The Exeter Rotary Club's Community Apple Sale was held on September 24th. This Sale has been a staple of the Club's commitment to the community for decades. Proceeds from this event support scholarships for students at Exeter High School, Seacoast School of Technology, and Exeter Adult Education. In the 20+ years the sale has taken place, over \$60,000 in scholarships have been awarded.

2. End 69 Hours of Hunger is a non-profit effort to confront the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school Friday and the free breakfast in school Monday. The Rotary Club of Exeter is proud to work End 68 Hours of Hunger to collect peanut butter and jelly for the students of our local school district between October 15-31.

3. Epoch Gastropub at the Exeter Inn has teamed up with the Exeter Rotary Club to create a fundraiser that will support the Club's work in the community. Over the next month Epoch will donate 50% of the proceeds from the sale of the special "Catcher in the..." cocktail, a Rye based drink featuring the tastes of autumn, to the Exeter Rotary Club. The funds will go to support the Club's work in combating food insecurity, maintaining the grounds of The Powderhouse and towards scholarships presented to graduating students.





Kittery

On October 9th, the Rotary Club of Kittery, the Kittery Afterhours Rotary Club, and the R. W. Traip Academy Interact Club supported the Kittery Conservation Committee and Kittery Land Trusts Fall Clean-up of the Seapoint Beach and Crescent Beaches as part of the District Environmental project to cleanup shorelines, riverfronts and lake shores. AG Maryna Shuliakouskaya led the way as she needed to leave early to setup for the 375th Celebration Taste of Kittery at mid day. Club Advisor Blayne Matty led a large number of great Interact Students to support this thoroughly enjoyable joint community effort!

On October 14th, the Rotary Club of Kittery : Club V-P Larry Goff, PDG Andy Glazier, and Secretary Dave Gooch staffed our Bi-monthly Red Cross Blood Drive. Under the lead of Club member Pam Gray, now President -Elect, the club has hosted over 75 Blood Drives to date. Many thanks to Pam for pulling this project together for so many years.





Oxford Hills

October is Dictionary month at Oxford Hills. John Griffith has chaired this project since 2017. This year we gave out 211 dictionaries to all third graders in Oxford Hills Schools. Since 2004 (when the Club started this project) 4,704 dictionaries have been distributed.

Rotarian Bob Schott headed up the Road Toll for Polio Plus. His group collected \$2,219.84. Rotarians George, Beth and John, stopping cars for donations. A great job! Thank you, Bob.

We hosted our 1st evening meal meeting on October 20th with many members, spouses and old friends. An excellent meal and great fellowship.

October 24th was Pints for Polio at the 290 Restaurant in Norway. With every pint purchased, 1\$ will go to Polio Plus. (See our Face Book Page for pictures of the event.)

It's Cheese Wheel time again. Order deadline is Nov 15th so place your orders quickly. FMI contact Paul Thornfeldt at 207-592-4663 or Patty Rice at 207-890-2332.





Portland & Portland Sunrise

1. District Governor Dick Hall and Portland Rotary Past President Amy Chipman recognized Rotarian John Marr, also a past president of the club, for his leadership in being a major Foundation donor and multiple Paul Harris Fellow. The award was presented during the Pints for Polio event held jointly with the Portland Sunrise Rotary on October 14th, at Brookside Food and Drinks in Westbrook.
2. Pints for Polio event with Portland Rotarians District Governor Dick Hall, Eli Small, owner of Brookside Food and Drinks in Westbrook, Past President of Portland Rotary Amy Chipman and Portland Rotarian Patty Byers.
3. 15 Rotarians and their family and friends planted 400 crocus bulbs at Post Office Park on Saturday, October 23rd. What a great way to start the weekend - in fun, fellowship and service to the community!



Rochester

Focus on the Environment – Cemetery Clean-Up

The Rotary Club of Rochester completed its first project related to the new Rotary Focus on the Environment by having a group of Rotarians and other volunteers participate in the clean-up of three cemeteries in Rochester. The group, led by Blaine Cox, Club Treasurer, donned their work clothes and gloves and gathered up tools and set off on a beautiful day to clean up the Wingate, Elijah Witman and Gonic Cemeteries. It turned into an invigorating and satisfying project!! The activity included some history revealed in the old headstones.





Sanford-Springvale

Members of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club and the Sanford Kiwanis Club worked together to build four new boardwalks over wet areas on the Hazen Carpenter Trail which circles Deering Pond in Sanford. Celebrate Community is a national initiative to encourage service clubs to work together on community projects. The Carpenter Trail is a lovely trail with interpretive placards at various points describing trees, geological formations, and the history of the area. It is heavily used year-round by hikers, mountain bikers, cross country skiers, and snow shoe users. Volunteers pictured are Heather Beaupre, Jo-Ann Cavanaugh, Mark Mickeriz, Bob Ferguson, and Andy Orazio.





S. Portland-Cape Elizabeth

SPCE Rotary Club Gathers For Pints For Polio

Fore River Brewing Co. in South Portland is where club members and friends gathered to support the Pints For Polio fundraiser. \$315 was raised and a good time had by all.

Pints for Polio is an annual fundraiser that raises money to help in the global fight against polio. For every pint purchased on Oct. 23, \$1 will be donated to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign. Past District Governor John LoBosco and fellow Rotarians enjoyed the Pints and the outside venue.

