



# News from the Clubs

ROTARY DISTRICT 7780 CLUBS

SERVICE, FUNDRAISING, CELEBRATIONS &  
COLLABORATIONS

NOVEMBER 1, 2022





## Bethel

Bethel Rotary has had some wonderful presentations this past month, and has organized one firewood cutting & delivery event.

Josh Thomas, Executive Director of the Seeds of Peace organization, spoke to us via Zoom. He shared with us the incredible work they are doing in youth leadership development and conflict resolution in the Middle East, South Asia, Europe and the US. The Seeds of Peace camp is in Otisfield, Maine, where young leaders gather each summer to move this important work ahead.

Adam Leff, a teacher and coach at Gould Academy, spoke to us recently about the Immigrant Resettlement initiative in Lewiston. Our club has been a huge help in providing furniture, housewares and clothing to these immigrant families, in partnership with Gould. Rotarian Kathleen Willis, who works at Gould, is pictured here.

Learn more about our club's activities at [bethelrotary.org](http://bethelrotary.org).





## Biddeford-Saco

**Biddeford-Saco Rotarians Carry on the Earl A. Goodwin Legacy of Giving.**

A Memorial Fund has raised thousands to carry on Earl's Work. He joined the Club in 1971 and soon became one of its biggest fundraisers. Among his greatest inspirations were Rotary Park, LaKermesse, and the York County Ice Arena. He was recognized as selfless and dedicated to local and statewide youth sports.

One of his last wishes was to ensure local citizens who need help can make a request through the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club. His family requested that in lieu of flowers consider contributing to Earl's memory to the Earl A. Goodwin Charitable Fund. All these funds will go to assist local people in need.

The Club is planning a Kindness in the Community Day on December 7th in Earl's honor. In place of their regular meeting, Rotarians will be tasked with completing an act of kindness they will achieve within the hour. Kindness in the Community Day is subsidized by the Earl A. Goodwin Charitable Fund and all acts of kindness will be done in his honor.

The Earl A. Goodwin Charitable Fund will remain open to accept donations indefinitely. Anyone who would like to contribute can donate in Earl's memory to the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Earl A. Goodwin Charitable Fund, P.O. Box 298, Saco, ME 04072. For more information, visit [Biddeford-SacoRotary.org](http://Biddeford-SacoRotary.org) or their Facebook page at: [facebook.com/BiddefordSacoRotaryClub](https://facebook.com/BiddefordSacoRotaryClub).



*Earl A. Goodwin*



**KINDNESS in the COMMUNITY**





## Bridgton-Lake Region

Club members delivered dictionaries to third graders at Crooked River Elementary School in Casco and Stevens Brook School in Bridgton as well as to students at Bridge Crossing Academy in Bridgton. It was very special to be back in person in the classrooms, seeing the youngsters' happy smiles as they leafed through their new dictionaries. Erin Nelson chairs this important literacy project for the Club. Rotarians love this project, especially being back with the children and being able to share certain aspects of the book with them. During the pandemic, the dictionaries were left in the school and distributed by staff and teachers. Pictured here at Crooked River with 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are Rotarians George Klauber, Erin Nelson, Jesse Walsh and President Aaron Hagan.

For more information about the club's projects, check out <https://lakeregionrotary.com> or the Facebook Page.



## Brunswick

On Monday October 24, 2022, the Brunswick Rotary Club recognized the five members of the club who have become PolioPlus Society members. This was especially appropriate on World Polio Day where many of the members wore red as well as sporting End Polio Now pins and stickers. In the photo shown receiving their certificates, l-r, Dave Taft, Gary Torow, Larry Bernstein, and Kyle Morrison. Our present District Governor and member of the Brunswick Rotary Club, Claudia Frost, received her certificate of membership in the PolioPlus Society two weeks earlier. Our newest member of the PolioPlus Society, Stan Primmer, will get his certificate at our next meeting. Photo by Stacy Frizzle-Edgerton. Second photo is a group shot of members wearing red and Polio Pins thanks to Dave Taft. Photo by Lisa Harrison.







## Damariscotta-Newcastle

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle has 2 announcements. One is a current change to meeting day and venue. The other is a piece of our history.

Effective November 1, 2022, the club will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 7:30-8:30 am, at the 2nd Congregational church social hall in Newcastle. Cost is \$10 (coffee, snack, use of the hall). If there is a 5th Wednesday, something special will be planned.

The Damariscotta-Newcastle Club was founded in 1924. Longtime member (PP and PAG) Wilt Jones' Grandfather, Wallace Wilton Chadwick, was asked to make a Rotary sign. Wilt had heard from his aunt that she remembered the big blue and gold wooden sign had been crafted by her father. After several searches over the years, and repositioning of historic Rotary materials, the nearly 100-year-old sign was recently found in the barn of our long-time and now deceased Rotarian, Larry Townley. We think that this may be the original sign.

The poignant timing of this finding of the Rotary Wheel was that it was found during Rotary's Polio Awareness Month of October. Wallace Wilton Chadwick, a master carpenter and father of 8 children, had contracted and died of Polio in October 1930. Polio eradication continues to be a primary goal of Rotary International.







Clothing needs, food insecurity, school supplies and additional costs confront students and families throughout the year. Rotary Club of Dover is committed to helping students and families navigate those many challenges.

Recently, members Gregg Dowty, Melissa Lesniak, Jonathan Nichols, and Nick Pelman presented \$5000.00 in gift cards as part of the RC of Dover - Kid's Closet project. Cards were presented to Dover High School staff to be used at their discretion to support student needs throughout the year. The objective of the Kid's Closet is to help ensure a positive learning environment by eliminating concerns students may have regarding their daily needs.

The Club also recently donated \$10,000 in Walmart and Target gift cards to assist 100 students participating in the Dover Housing Authority's After School Program, helping them to purchase school clothes and supplies. The Club has donated supplies and gift cards for several years to DHA.

We worked with Interactors on a Shred It fundraiser to raise money for Heifer International to help 15 girls stay in school.

But in addition to our Good Works, we Dover Rotarians know how to have fun. Here at an evening of Strikes, Spares and Gutter Balls, you can see us hard at work/fun.







## Exeter

Three members of the Exeter Club received Paul Harris pins at our Oktoberfest Social. Pictured: Tressa Bickford received a pin with 3 rubies, Candace Dietz received one with 2 sapphires, and Lois Kfoury received her first Paul Harris pin.

We are raising funds for Polio. All our Happy Dollars for the month of October will go to Polio Plus. We raised \$81 at our Oktoberfest Social/Meeting.





## Fryeburg Area

The Fryeburg Area Club had two big events in October – the Fryeburg Fair with the Club's expanded Potato booth and a Pints for Polio at Saco River Brewery in Fryeburg.

The Fair was a huge success. Located in a larger work area under the grandstand, sales increased substantially, bringing in nearly 33K/ with over 11K net. A new expanded menu was well beyond the old staple, stuffed baked Maine potato.

The Pints for Polio brought Rotarians and Friends together for fellowship and fundraising.

Both events were supported by the Bridgton-Lake Region and Oxford Hills Rotary Clubs. A big thank you to all who participated.





Hampton Rotary Club has begun serving at the Community Kitchen for St. Vincent de Paul in downtown Hampton again, after having the summer season off. We are there every other Monday night and serve an average of 30 people each time. So far, we've made shepherds pie and roast pork with stuffing, gravy, peas, and carrots. Pictured at top Rotarians Ann, Bill, Bud, Lois, Lindsey, and Rick. And at bottom Rotarians Bill, Ann, Geoff, Dave, and Jeanette.





## Kennebunk

The Kennebunk Club has been busy!! In August, we hosted our 73rd Annual Chicken BBQ, one of our biggest annual fundraisers. We sold nearly 700 dinners, making over \$8000.

Quickly on its heels, we hosted a Dance Party under the tent at Old Vines Wine Bar in Kennebunk. Our fellow Rotarian and DJ Bob Akers spun the tunes and created a fun, party atmosphere. We had everything from fringed 60's flower children to 80's tracks suits and leather pants, and raised over \$10,000!! We had a blast; this will likely be an annual event.

The next day, fellow Rotarian and Kennebunk Chief of Police Robert MacKenzie, hosted The Recovery Conference in Eliot. This all-day event with panel speakers and breakout sessions, highlighted the hope in recovery and the opportunities that community leaders and businesses are offering to those committed to their recovery.

To highlight Polio Awareness, Sargent at Arms Christ Angelos encouraged club members to purchase metaphorical cans of "Foundation Whoop-Ass." The fundraising goal has been far exceeded. More about this project elsewhere in the newsletter. In picture, members wearing Red to help promote Polio awareness.

There's more, a 2023 Calendar Fundraiser featuring our Friends in Uniform from the 3 towns in our Community: Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel. A Holiday Party with Santa, a meal and a bag of presents for the kids in our area who could use a little more cheer. In the Spring, President Keri Walker will launch a new project: Dictionaries for Kindergartners. For more information, see our Facebook Page.



# Ogunquit

## OGT Rotarians Wear Red to Raise Awareness of Polio

The Rotary Club of Ogunquit has had a busy past few weeks! We had a wonderful visit at our October meeting from District Governor Claudia Frost, and the club members all wore red to raise awareness of polio. Following that inspirational meeting, the club participated in the annual OgunquitFest Craft Festival selling bread donated by When Pigs Fly and baked goods made by club members. It was a beautiful fall day and the club raised a record amount in donations. Most importantly, everyone had a fun time connecting with people from the community and with visitors to Ogunquit. Pictured from left to right at OgunquitFest are club members Elizabeth Ford, Pete Woodbury, Erin Haye, and Melanie Tromblee.







## Oxford Hills

The Rotary Club of Oxford Hills is pleased to welcome its newest member, Connor Burnam. Connor's classification is Automobile Sales, and he works for Ripley and Fletcher Ford. Shown L to R: President Elect Beth Abbott, Connor Burnam, and Glenn Huntley, Sponsor. Welcome, Connor!

The Club recently held a Road Toll for Polio and was able to raise over \$1800 to help with RI's eradication efforts. With the Gates Foundation 2:1 match, that comes to over \$5400! Shown L to R: President George Rice, Alice Paul, PE Beth Abbott, Glenn Huntley and Bob Schott. Photo taken by Patty Rice.

Last but not least, it's time for the Club's annual Rotary Cheese Wheel sale. Each wheel is 2 lbs of Cabot Sharp Cheese made in Cabot, VT. Price is \$20/wheel and can be purchased by contacting George Rice, 207.890.3122 or Patty Rice 207-890-2332. The wheels should be in by mid November in time for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. All proceeds go to support our Dictionary, May Day Play Day, and Scholarship projects. Thanks for your support!

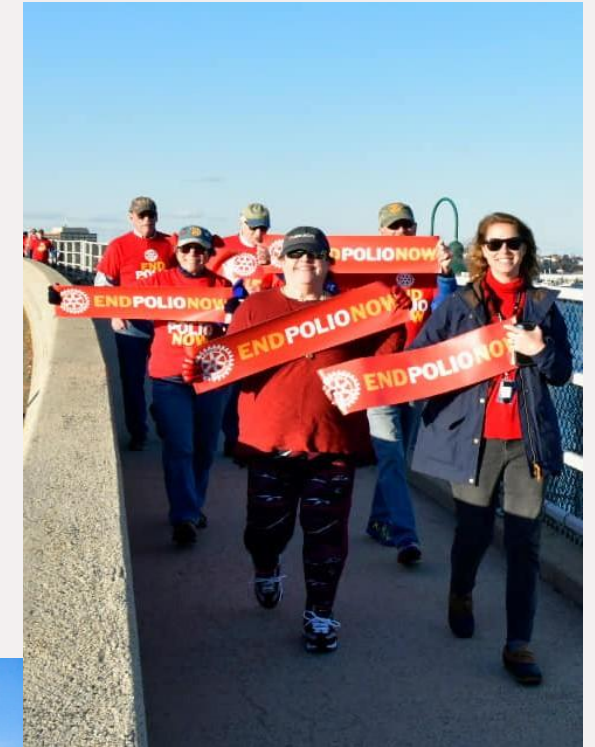




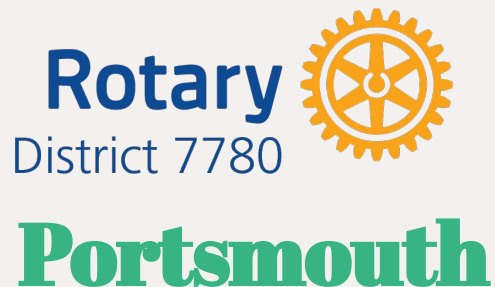
## Portland

On Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, seventy Rotarians with family and friends, wearing bright red End Polio Now tee-shirts and hoodies and carrying End Polio Now banners, lined the Casco Bay Bridge from Portland to South Portland to raise awareness to Rotary's worldwide effort to eradicate polio. The "Bridge the Gap to End Polio" bridge walk ended at the Sea Dog Brewery, for a Pints for Polio fundraiser. We were joined by District Governor Claudia Frost and members of the Rotary Clubs of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Bath-Sunrise, Freeport, Ogunquit, Westbrook-Gorham, Falmouth, and Brunswick. It was an afternoon of raising both awareness and funds for PolioPlus, and a time for fun and fellowship for the eight community Rotary Clubs.

The Portland Club is also working with the Portland School System to provide warm, waterproof winter boots to Portland Middle Schoolers, especially focusing on students who are homeless and New Mainers. There is a huge need. The school system is looking for 175 pairs of boots!! We are reaching out to the broader community for "gently used boots," 150 pairs for K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, ages 5 to 11, and 25 pairs for 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, ages 12 to 14. For more information about donating boots or money, go to the Club website at [www.portlandrotary.org](http://www.portlandrotary.org).







Part of Portsmouth's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, which begins in January, will involve a beautification effort through planting and caring of 400 trees. To help and recognize our club's centennial in March, we will pay for 100 trees. This gift will also honor long-time Rotarian Basil Richardson and his wife Louise for their civic minded philanthropy. Thus, the Basil and Louise Richardson Forest is being created in cooperation with the city.

Sara Treacy, co-chair of the club's Operation Warm Committee, says that almost 350 winter coats have been distributed. Pictured are Portsmouth Rotarians Sara Treacy, Pat Novello and Midge Nelson and in front Lisa Zhe from Families First.

The William Cash Committee approved a \$1000 dollar donation for Rotarian Craig Taylor's Pan Mass Challenge team which raised \$20,000 for cancer research.

Another \$5000 dollar grant went to build a Habitat home that will eventually be gifted to a needy veteran.

This year's Christmas Tree ornament will be the venerable Old Ferry Landing. They can be purchased at: <https://portsmouthrotary.org>. Also Squares of the club's Portsmouth Monopoly Game are still available. Squares are available by contacting Barbara Miller at [bbmiller15@gmail.com](mailto:bbmiller15@gmail.com) or Steve Bennett at [sbennett999@gmail.com](mailto:sbennett999@gmail.com).





## River Valley

The River Valley Club is looking for volunteers and donations to help winterize seniors' homes in the area. Last year the Club winterized 5 homes with 3 volunteers. Each weatherization takes from 2-3 hours with a 2-person crew. The need is greater this year. Already we have requests from 13 seniors, so more volunteers are needed, both Rotarians and Friends of Rotary. Donations to purchase weatherization materials such as window wrap packages, door sweeps and felt, as well as huge rolls of heavy duty plastic wrapping to wrap a few foundations would also be great! For more information or to help, text President Roger Whitehouse at 207-357-2820.

A recent speaker was Kara Wilburn, a Portland-based investor, who has purchased several properties, some historic, in Rumford, saving them from demolition. These included the old substation and the old Oxford Paper CO's Bag Mill, now the Joseph Derouche Technology Center. The latter building has been improved with a new roof and solar panels. She has other investors who are interested in purchasing and preserving certain buildings of historical value and has many ideas for bringing business to the town. Pictured are President Roger Whitehouse and Kara Wilburn.





## Saco Bay

**Members of the Saco Bay Club, under the leadership of President Shannon Kashinsky, turned out on October 24<sup>th</sup>, World Polio Day, all wearing Red. What a spectacular sight!**





## Saco Bay Sunset

Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset is having a lottery ticket fundraiser to support survivors of human sex trafficking. As part of the District 7780 grant, the Club made 200 comfort bags for Human Sex Trafficked survivors and their children. These bags were dispersed by CourageLives/St. Andre's Home during the past few months.

The part of the grant to sustain support to other organizations was to have a fundraiser. Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset's fundraiser includes \$150 dollars worth of lottery tickets in a frame bordered by a \$100 dollar bill. The winner will win at least one hundred dollars but could win millions. See any Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset member or call or text the Club at 207 200 1173. Tickets can also be purchased by Venmo at @Dennis-Robillard-2. Help us stop Human Sex Trafficking and support the survivors and families.

You can **WIN** this board valued with \$100 cash PLUS \$150 worth of scratch tickets. You have a chance to win THOUSANDS!

Did you know that there is human sex trafficking in Maine?

# Rotary Raffle

## to Help Fight Human Trafficking

Want to help but don't know how?

Purchase some tickets for our raffle and help us help these victims get the supplies they need and help us spread awareness to this critical problem in Maine!

Join us for the drawing on  
**November 17, 2022**  
**6:30 pm**  
**JJ's Eatery Too**  
**Old Orchard Beach.**

Winner does not have to be present to win.

**Tickets for:**  
**6 for \$5**  
**18 for \$10**

To purchase tickets:  
Contact any  
Saco Bay Sunset Rotary Member  
or please call or text the  
Rotary Club of Saco Bay Sunset  
at (207) 200-1173.  
Tickets can also be purchased  
by Venmo at @Dennis-Robillard-2.

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## **South Portland- Cape Elizabeth**

**Bridge The Gap  
Honoring World Polio Day**

**The Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth collaborated with other Rotary clubs in the District in a bridge walk and social hour to acknowledge World Polio Day. We all wore red shirts which will be used for other events to bring awareness to a great mission of Rotary. End Polio Now!**





## Westbrook-Gorham

**Sustainability.** It's a word that gets tossed around a lot but what does it mean in practical terms?

Members of the Westbrook-Gorham Club, in looking to find answers to this question, have been inviting speakers in to explain sustainability as it pertains to water treatment, electricity, solar and even housing.

Architect Christopher Delano spoke to the club Tuesday, Oct. 25 about sustainable and renewable building materials, approaches to design concepts and prefab dwelling units that can be produced quickly to help answer Maine's affordable housing crisis.

And, Club members are back to enjoying the labors of the culinary students at Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. The desserts have been incredible! Photos: Speaker Delano and the incredible desserts .





# **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. About 75 words and a couple of photos with the identity of people in them, especially Rotarians. Send your material to: [RotaryNews7780@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryNews7780@gmail.com).**

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

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