

**Rotary**  
District 7780



# News from the Clubs

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





## Bath Sunrise Satellite e-club

The e-club has undertaken a big project with Lupine Ledge Books in Southport. Donated books will be sold on-line. Money raised will fund literacy projects, mainly for the Wabanaki Health Services, with which the club has developed a relationship. Project leader Rotarian Margi Spratt and a team of volunteers have built shelves, installed them, and have started sorting through the donated books and shelving them. A number of the books (13 boxes) were donated directly to WHS, as you can see in the photo with Rotarian Phyllis Wolfe, who delivered them. Other books, deemed unlikely to sell, are donated to Goodwill, to help keep books out of landfills!

Contact Margi if you are interested in helping to sort books. Her email is [maspratt@gmail.com](mailto:maspratt@gmail.com). For a link with more photos and our club newsletter, [please click here](#).







## Bethel

The Rotary club of Bethel had a very busy September! The Inaugural Mahoosuc Art & Agriculture Tour, held on Sept 12th showcased 6 area farms and 12 local artists! A great success and a wonderful collaboration with three other area nonprofits.

We held two firewood cutting and splitting events where Rotarians worked to provide wood to local families in need.

Sunday, Sept 19th was the 6th Annual Rotary 5k run/walk and One mile fun event for youth. More than \$5,000 was raised to help provide scholarships to local youth to access after school and enrichment activities. Rotarian Kevin Finley with the first overall one mile finisher and other Rotarians staff food and prize tables.





## Bridgton-Lake Region

Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club had its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Bridgton Highlands Country Club. The Rotary Club took the opportunity to thank all those who made this Golf Tournament a success, including our sponsors, our golfers, our volunteers and, of course, Bridgton Highlands Country Club.

Dr. Lisa Ryan, Committee Chair, remarked, "We had more golfers (68) and sponsors (40) than ever before. The weather was great for the game. The food provided by Stella's on the Square and the Bridgton Highlands Country Club was delicious. And we raised the amount of money we were hoping to, \$10,000. This will allow us to continue to do the kind of work in the community that we are dedicated to doing." Rotarian Lisa is pictured announcing the rules for the game at the tournament.

For more information about our programs and our Club in general, check out <https://lakeregionrotary.com> and the Facebook page.







## Brunswick & Brunswick Coastal

Brunswick and Brunswick Coastal Clubs recently built an outdoor art/community pavilion at Perryman Village, a low-income housing complex in Brunswick. This project was funded by a District grant. Members had a barbecue with residents on Thursday, September 16, which included a dedication to our past president Jim Pierce. The structure is complete with a sign "James Pierce Pavilion." Another sign addresses the collaboration between BCR and Brunswick Rotary along with community partners: Bowdoin College, Brunswick Housing Authority, Pathways Church, Art Van, and Hancock Lumber. Carrot Signs donated the signs.







## Damariscotta-Newcastle

Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotarians, working with Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, landscaped our Rotarian Way bench and helped clear a drainage channel for run-off from Main Street down to Great Salt Bay.

The bench and northern end of an accessible trail were funded by a District 7780 grant. The trail is 8' wide, gently graded and finished with stone dust, ideal for strollers, bikes and wheelchairs as well as those on foot. The bench has a view down to fields, woods, apple orchard, barn and Great Salt Bay.


Congratulations to Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotarian Jason Warlick, named recipient of the Individual Service Award by the Damariscotta Region Chamber of Commerce. Chief of Police for the Town of Damariscotta, Jason has been an active member of Rotary, working countless hours for 3+ years on community service projects. He exemplifies Service Above Self daily, both personally and professionally.

To see his award interview (conducted by another Rotarian Karen-Ann Hagar), go to Lincoln County Television link: <https://vimeo.com/604135784>.





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# Damariscotta- Newcastle

RAISES FUNDS TO COMBAT FOOD INSECURITY IN LINCOLN COUNTY MAINE

Again this year we raffled a beautiful kayak (1/2 donated by Maine Sports and 1/2 by anonymous donors) to raise funds to combat food insecurity in Lincoln County. By selling raffle tickets on Main Street Damariscotta for 2 consecutive weekends, Rotarians not only had fun but also shared our Rotary story with folks from near and far. The lucky winners, Terry and Gale Grindstaff, were so impressed that they are on track to join us!

**L.E.G.S. HAS FUN WHILE SERVING** Our evening meeting group, **Locals Engaged in Group Service**, monthly project was collecting supplies for and assembling backpacks for the annual Back to School Bash at the CLC Y (a corporate member of our club). Led by Past President Jane Gravel and Debby Schling, Rotarians created an assembly line at the Y and filled the backpacks. At the event the next afternoon, L.E.G.S. members and other Rotarians and family assisted with directing traffic, distributing Karl's Kids info and brochures as well as backpacks, etc. See our Facebook page for more pictures.

Club members and family enjoyed a perfect traditional Maine lobster bake again this year. Hosted by Linda (our first woman president) and Dirk Brunner on Clark's Cove Walpole, 35 folks feasted on steamed lobsters, clams, corn, potatoes and hard-boiled eggs. Paid for by our Happy Dollars collection, this is always a fun afternoon.







## KennebunkPortside

On Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, members of the KennebunkPortside Club “cleaned” Goose Rocks Beach. Though small in numbers, we removed trash the length of the beach. Predominately, we found small pieces of plastics, rope, and remarkably only a few cigarette butts.

Fun was had by all!!





## Kittery

Throughout the garden season, the gardeners of the Rotary Club of Kittery have been providing fresh produce to our local FootPrints Food Pantry. This summer and fall we have also “Adopted a shelf” at the pantry, stocking it with over 100, and more to come, bottles of salad dressings, an item the pantry had asked for as it is frequently looked for by recipients, but rarely donated.





## Ogunquit

The Ogunquit Rotary Club takes the motto “Beautiful Place by the Sea” very seriously. In the month of September, club members were at the beach for two important events. The first was the annual kite festival where we gave away 195 kites to children and their families. The kids were also given a package of markers to decorate the kites and 80+ kite flyers received prizes at the end of the day. The kids were thrilled, the Rotary volunteers had a wonderful time, and it was a joy to see these beautifully decorated children’s kites flying on a sunny September 11<sup>th</sup>. Later Rotarians were back at the beach for a cleanup day, which has become a regular and important event for our club. *Pictured in the beach cleanup photo are Club President Susan DeQuattro and member Elizabeth Ford.*







## Oxford Hills

The Oxford Rotary Club continues to have a very busy summer with many volunteers putting in hours of work on various projects. Our 35th Annual Lobster Bake was another success this year, and we look forward to next year's event. Rotarians serving up the lobster pictured at right. Members of the club spent many hours at So Paris's Pioneer Cemetery, a very old plot that was overgrown with trees, brush, and hay. Pictures are of cemetery before cleanup and the Cleanup Crew in the midst of its work. It is now very presentable and able to be seen! This summer, members continue to set up the club's rental tents to rent to the local communities (a great fund raiser). The Gazebo at Moore Park in So Paris is looking great with a new roof and paint job, another local project completed by the club. Last but not least, members of the club did a road side pick up along Lake Rd in Norway (Rt 117). Rotary remains very noticeable in the Oxford Hills!

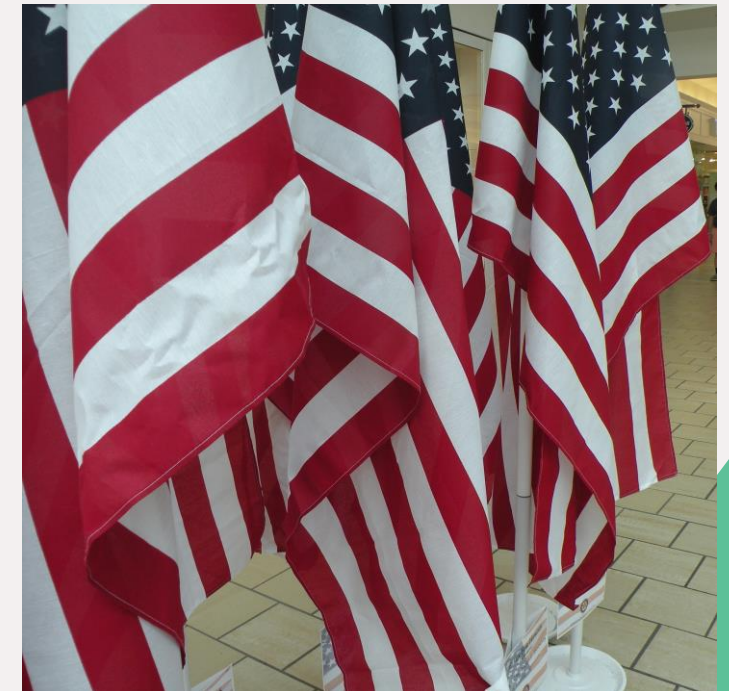






## Portland & Portland Sunrise

1. Flags for Heroes annual exhibit at the Maine Mall recognized 100 heroes with American flags. This project is led by Portland Rotarians Charlie Frair and Paul Tully and supported by many club volunteers. Past District Governor Ann Lee Hussey was among the dedicated heroes recognized because of her international leadership to eradicate polio.
2. Rotary in Action! Coastal clean up is a terrific community service. Portland Rotary, joined the Portland Sunrise Club, Wayfair and UBS. Thanks to Kath Hall of Portland Sunrise for organizing the event! The project on Friday September 17th was part of the District 7780 wide Coastal Clean-up Project, led by District Governor Dick Hall.







## Sanford-Springvale

As part of DG Dick Hall's District-Wide project for cleaning up Oceans, Lakes, and Rivers, members of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club spent part of a morning picking up trash along portions of the Mousam River and around Number One Pond (the mill pond in the center of town formed by the River). Pictured is a portion of the crew, from left to right: David Spahn, Barbara Sutcliffe, Lawrence Furbish, Diane Gerry, Roger Durant, and Bob Ferguson.





# S. Portland-Cape Elizabeth

## South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club is Committed To Local Food Pantry

The SPCE Rotary Club has increased its volunteer presence at the South Portland Food Cupboard and to its Executive Director Dwayne Hopkins. Here we are on a weekday evening sorting food and providing much needed help to the food pantry. Since 1997 The South Portland Food Cupboard is a non-profit, volunteer-based food pantry dedicated to alleviating hunger. The cupboard organizes volunteers who are committed to the acquisition and distribution of food to hungry people throughout South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, Scarborough and surrounding communities.







## Westbrook-Gorham

Inspired by the simple yet elegant Rotary area of focus symbol for Supporting the Environment, 100% of net proceeds from this custom-designed Seabag will be donated to Through These Doors, the domestic violence center serving Cumberland County. For more information or to place an order, go to our website page <https://westbrookgorhamrotary.org/page/seabag-4-ttd> The Rotary message is powerful and is included with the Seabag. *Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change. For more information and to find a club near you: rotary.org/get-involved/join.*





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