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What's Happening? District & Club Calendar

Bath Rotary - New Meeting Location

JR Maxwells - 122 Front St. - Bath, ME

Exeter Rotary - New Meeting Location

NOTE: Meetings have moved back to the Exeter Inn at 90 Front St. in Exeter, NH.

July 17th - 2 Cent Sale (pg 6)

Ogunquit Rotary Fundraiser

July 18th - Annual Auction (pg 7)

Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary Fundraiser

August 9th - Art in the Park (pg 6)

South Portland Sunrise Rotary Fundraiser
Millcreek Park in So. Portland

Sept 27th - Food Packaging Event

(pg 3) at the Maine Mall, 9 am - Noon

Articles



Have something to share?

Updates or short articles, along with images or videos, may be submitted to our newsletter editor, Deb Marsolais at Newsletter@rotary7780.org to be included in our Monthly Newsletter. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating to other clubs in our district; items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities of service.

Deadline for submissions: JULY 25th

Rotary District 7780 Newsletter

Lawrence K. Furbish, District Governor

District Governor's Message

Life is full of significant dates that we all celebrate and observe from birthdays to anniversaries to holidays to milestones. Take New Year's as an example. Parties, silly hat's and staying up until midnight have never been high on my favorites list, but I have always found the day provides an excellent chance for quiet reflection about my life: past, present, and future. July first is sort of a "New Year's" for Rotary and Rotarians. A time to think about what we have accomplished in the year past and what lies ahead. PDG Carolyn has led our district ably over the past year and we are grateful for all she has done. Thank you, Carolyn! And now it is my turn to step into the DG shoes - there is a long list of excellent District 7780 Governors that have proceeded me. I have exciting plans for the year ahead; some of you have heard about them and others of you will soon. Details to follow. I have been able to assemble a terrific team of officers as well as committee chairs and members at the District level to help with the work during the coming year.

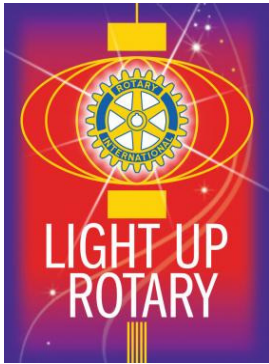


Today I want to make three promises to you, the Rotarians of District 7780.

First, my number one priority will be to help clubs be the very best clubs that they can possible be. Clubs are the backbone of Rotary and I believe Districts exist primarily as a resource to assist to clubs. Let me and the District officers and committee chairs know what you need and we will do everything we can to provide it.

Second, I will do my very best to be an excellent District Governor and to uphold the trust you have shown in selecting me. Some days it seems like a large and awesome job, but I look forward to the challenge.

Third, we will have some fun this year. As Rotarians we take our motto, Service Above Self, very seriously, as we should. But I have always believed that life shouldn't be all work and no play. We also need to enjoy the journey. So please join me as we "Light up Rotary" - doing good in the world and having fun doing it.



Around the District News and Events

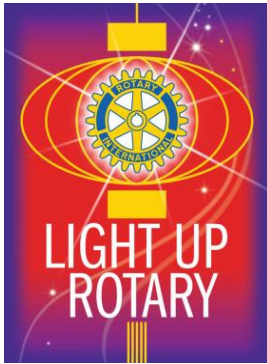
Rotary Youth Exchange

An exciting adventure awaits your Rotary Club, as a potential Sponsoring Club of a Rotary Outbound exchange student and the Host Club of a fascinating Inbound Student from France, Italy, Romania, Ukraine, Turkey, Brazil, Australia.....to name a few. This program will expand your horizons as they've never been expanded before. This program provides the following opportunities for a student:

- Live in another culture
- Learn another language
- Make lifelong friends
- Become more confident
- Represent America

If your Club would like to be a part of this exciting adventure please contact the District Chairman of Rotary Youth Exchange to request a visit to your Club for more details on how this program works. Contact Don Dyer (Rotary Club of Sebago Lake) at 207-423-5371 or email at don@52acorn.com





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Food Packaging Event Sept 27, 9 AM – Noon, Maine Mall and perhaps two other locations in the District)

Rotarians and Clubs throughout District 7780 are invited to participate in a unique event to help feed hungry people in our communities. It is quite simple. Dozens of volunteers work on a food assembly line packing dry ingredients into smaller plastic bags, heat seal them, pack them into boxes, and deliver them to local food pantries to be distributed to area residents.

How can 7780 Clubs be involved? Donate funds to help purchase dry ingredients and/or volunteer to work on the Food Packaging line. Any donation amount or any number of volunteers is welcome; a guideline is \$1000 purchases 4000 meals and takes 12 volunteers working about 2 hours to package. Working with our partners, End Hunger NE and Outreach Inc, we have the potential to provide delicious and nutritious meals to tens of thousands food insecure people in our district.

To get involved, call Lawrence Furbish, District Governor at 207-490-6840, or Steve McFarland, Sebago Lake Rotary Club at 207-400-9284. FMI – check out the End Hunger NE video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oH7U6u06sqM&feature=youtu.be>

Packing partners

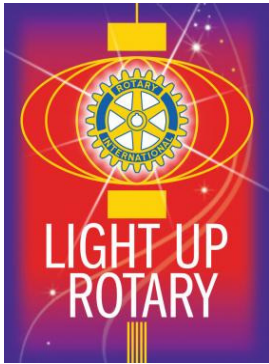


On Saturday, Oct. 4, more than 30 members and friends of the Sebago Lake Rotary Club partnered with EndHungerNE to package more than 8,000 meals for local food pantry patrons. The participants formed an assembly line at the North Windham Union Church and packed food boxes for about two hours. The meals will be distributed at this weekend's Octoberfest/Community Coin Challenge in Windham. For more information, check out www.facebook.com/EndHungerNE.
Courtesy photo by Mark Wasowski



Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club

The District Governor Banner was recently presented to "District Governor Lawrence Furbish" at the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club meeting by outgoing District Governor, Carolyn Johnson.



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Seacoast Mavericks help Rotary 7780 ended the year in style!

Members of three Rotary Clubs from District 7780 ended their Rotary year with shared fellowship, fun- and fund-raising at Portsmouth's Leary Field as the Seacoast Mavericks posted a 9-2 victory over the Old Orchard Beach Ragging Tide in the FCBL independent baseball League.

The evening was a benefit event sponsored by Seacoast Rotary and the Rotary Club of Portsmouth. Grill-meisters Than Meyer (outgoing president/Seacoast) and Dave Underhill (outgoing president/Portsmouth) flipped over seven dozen burgers and dogs, as incoming Assistant Governor Midge Nelson hosted the clubs at her home across the street from Leary Field. A contingent of ten Rotarians from Saco Bay made the trek, and kept the rivalry fun and interesting, as the party migrated to the playing field.

All three clubs have strong baseball connections. Orchard Beach's general manager Taylor Fisher is a member of the Saco Bay club; Seacoast is a Mavericks' sponsor, and Portsmouth this year created a partnership with the team under which young ballplayers assist the club with its largest single fundraiser, Christmas Tree sales in November/December.

The evening was a capstone event to Rotary engagement on the Seacoast, and generated many hundreds of dollars for the Seacoast Family Food Pantry's Summer Food 4 Kids program. Net Rotary proceeds, including contributions from the Seacoast Mavericks' ticket sales and 50/50 raffle, will go to benefit the Food Pantry program this summer.

"We have wanted to do a joint Portsmouth Club event for some years," noted Meyer and Underhill. "We were delighted with the evening and hope the tradition will continue. Incoming presidents Matt Junkin (Seacoast) and Tricia Cummings (Portsmouth) indicated their strong support of that goal.



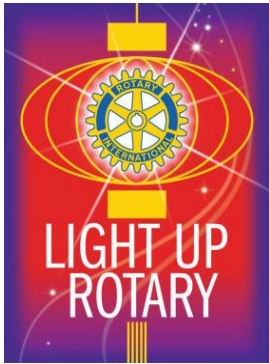
Portsmouth Rotarians Tom Decker and Barbara Miller, with their spouses, enjoy the Rotary Night at the Seacoast Mavericks.



Incoming Assistant District Governor Midge Nelson of the Seacoast Rotary Club warms up her throwing arm.

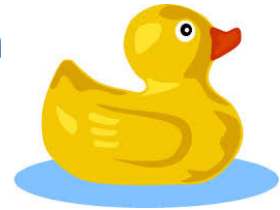


Seacoast Mavericks' director of Marketing Kim Cahill prepares the Portsmouth Rotary Little League team members to take the field for the National Anthem. Rotary manager Kevin Watt threw out the first pitch for the game.



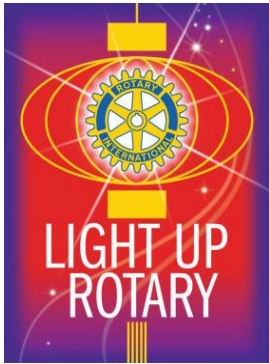
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15th Annual Great Bridgton Duck Race



The Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region held their 15th annual Great Bridgton Duck Race on July 4th. This has become their signature event that many visitors and locals look forward to. Despite the rainy weather the ducks were not deterred. First, second and third place duck winners across the finish line received \$500, \$250 and \$100, respectively.





Around the District Fundraisers

Rotary Club of South Portland Sunrise Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of South Portland Sunrise will be selling grilled food items at the annual Art in the Park on Saturday, August 9th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The event is being held at Mill Creek Park in South Portland.



Ogunquit Rotary Club 2 Cent Sale

Ogunquit Rotary's biggest fundraiser is being held on Thursday, July 17th, starting at 6:30 pm at the Dunaway Center in Ogunquit.

This extremely popular event features gift baskets, raffle tickets, silent auction, food and fun for all.

For more information contact: Tracy Smith at 207-646-2261 or at oguncam@hotmail.com

OGUNQUIT ROTARY CLUB

Raffles!



Food

Grand Prize Raffle!

Fun!

Silent Auction

Gift Baskets

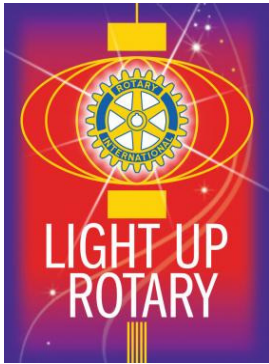
HAVE FUN HELPING OTHERS

 **40th ANNUAL** 

2¢ SALE

JULY 17

DUNAWAY CENTER OGUNQUIT, ME
6:30 PM



Around the District Fundraisers cont'd

The Rotary and Lions Club of Damariscotta–Newcastle Annual Auction

July 18th at 1812 Farm – 5 pm to 8 pm

Fun, good food, and an opportunity to pick up some great auction items while supporting the Clubs' various community projects. Bid on a wide range of items: vacation get-aways, unique experiences, arts and crafts, dining certificates, and valued products and services donated by local merchants, artists and supporters. Unique experiences: How about getting your name in a local author's next book? Riding in an antique auto? Painting workshop with local artist? Lobsterman for a day? Fly fishing lesson? Enjoy the hospitality and delicious appetizers provided by King Eider's Pub and Stone Cove Catering at 1812 Farm, Route 130 in Bristol Mills about 6 miles south



of Damariscotta. \$5 suggested donation at the door. Cash bar. Credit cards accepted for purchases. Open to the public, but space is strictly limited – arrive promptly. All funds raised are returned to the communities served by the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Damariscotta-Newcastle.

FMI, including opportunity to reserve a table [207-677-3403](tel:207-677-3403).