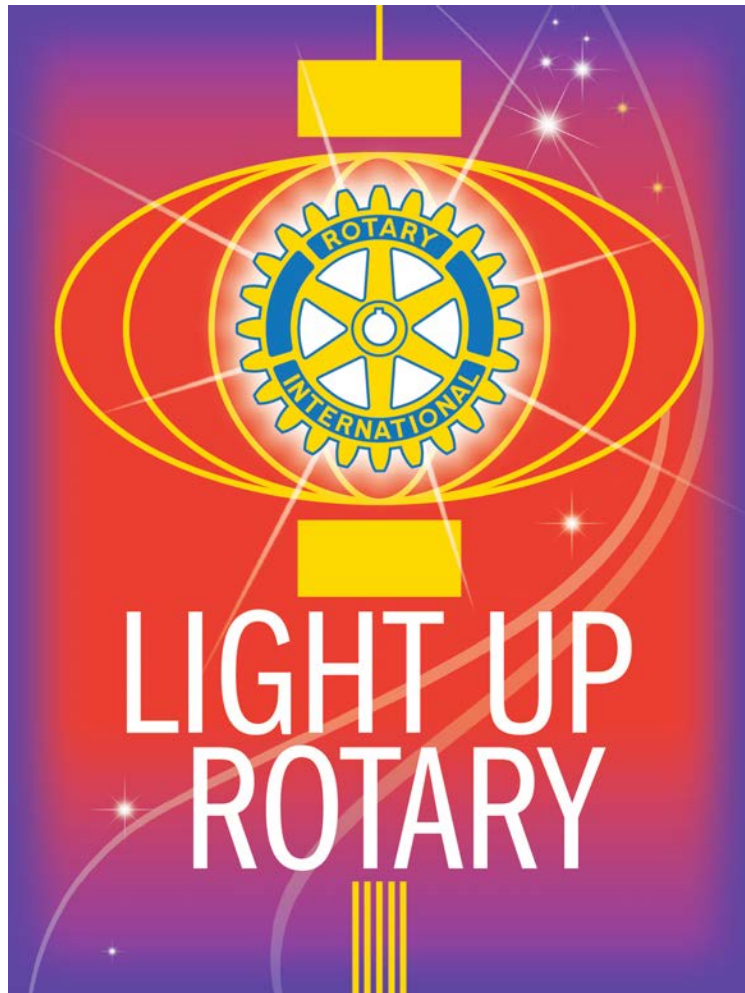


District 7780
2014 Service Projects



“It is better to light
one small candle than to
curse the darkness.”

Confucius

District Training Assembly
2014-2015 DG Lawrence Furbish

LITERACY PROJECTS

Reading to local school children	local schools		
RC of Boothbay Harbor	Dwight Swisher	dswish@roadrunner.com	207-633-5475
RC of Hampton	Donna Abisi	donna.abisi@peoples.com	603-765-9165
Read Across America Day	NEA's annual celebration of Dr.	Suess's birthday on March 2. Go to www.nea.org/grants/886.htm	
RC of Fryeburg	Judy Raymond	jr040371@outlook.com	
RC of Sanford-Springvale	Shawn Sullivan	ssullivan@sanfordnews.com	
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques	jacquesee66@aol.com	
RC of South Portland Sunrise	Tracey Merrill	wanttocycle@gmail.com	
I Read 100 Books	contest for students - savings	bond prize	
RC of Hampton	Penny Jett	pennyjett@comcast.net	603-944-5861
Imagination Library	Started by Dolly Parton in 1996, to every child, birth to 5 years	this program sends a brand new, age-appropriate book each month old. Go to www.usa.imaginationlibrary.com for more	
RC of Fryeburg	Judy Raymond	jr040371@outlook.com	
Dictionary Project	local 3rd graders receive a	dictionary	
RC of South Portland Sunrise	Tracey Merrill	wanttocycle@gmail.com	
Dictionary Flash Drive	local 6th graders receive a flash	drive dictionary for their laptops	
RC of Fryeburg	Judy Raymond	jr040371@outlook.com	
York County Jail	book collection for prisoners		
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques	jacquesee66@aol.com	
Community Trivia Night	organized and run by community	Literacy Volunteers; club produces a team and sponsorship	
RC of Sanford-Springvale	Shawn Sullivan	ssullivan@sanfordnews.com	
USA Map Project	paint a life-size map of the US on	the parking lot of a local school	
RC of Sanford-Springvale	Shawn Sullivan	ssullivan@sanfordnews.com	
RC of Freeport	Michele Bois-Gilbody	mbgilbo@yahoo.com	
RC of Portland Sunrise	Jim Schmidt	james_schmidt@alexanderschmidt.com	

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Safe Passage	Educating children and families in the	Guatemala City Dump - www.safepassage.org	
RC of Boothbay Harbor	Dwight Swisher	dswish@roadrunner.com	207-633-5475
Guatemala Literacy Project	The Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP) is the non-profit organization Cooperative computer labs, and literacy programs to Johnson does teacher training for this	a partnership between North American & Guatemalan Rotary clubs and for Education (CoEd). This initiative provides badly-needed textbooks, underprivileged indigenous children in Guatemala. DG Carolyn organization. www.guatemalaliteracy.org	
RC of Hampton	Penny Jett	pennyjett@comcast.com	603-944-5861
Guatemala Photography	Working with Guatemalans in	photography	
RC of Exeter	Phil Chura	pchura@churasphotography.com	
Guatemala Hospital Supplies	Formerly a project of the RC of	Portsmouth - shipping hospital supplies to Guatemala.	
RC of Hampton	Penny Jett	pennyjett@comcast.com	603-944-5861
Uganda Beekeeping	Creating a sustainable beekeeping honey.	industry that allows Ugandan farmers to raise bees, harvest and sell	
Uganda Dentistry	Periodic dental clinics		
RC of Portsmouth	Bob Herold	bobherold00@yahoo.com	
Uganda Cultural Exchange	District 7780 Rotarian musicians spent understanding and Rotarian	two weeks sharing music and culture, deepening relationships	
District 7780	Barbara Sutcliffe	bjfishes@metrocast.net	207-206-4433
India Project (Polio)	PDG Elias Thomas leads an annual on water projects (dam building) and	mission trip to India. His international team of Rotarian volunteers work participate in a polio NID.	
RC of Sanford-Springvale	Elias Thomas	ethomas@metrocast.net	
End Polio Now	District bicycling team that participates campaign	in various local cycling events to raise awareness of RI's End Polio Now	
South Portland Sunrise	Tracey Merrill	wanttocycle@gmail.com	
Rotaplast	Surgical teams and support volunteers and change their lives. www.rotaplast.org	travel to various countries to repair indigenous children's cleft palates	
RC of Boothbay Harbor	Ann Demeranville	amd299@gmail.com	

Wrap-a-Smile	Handmade, comforting quilts collected	worldwide are provided to children after their Rotoplast surgery
RC of Wells	Terry Hodskins	vagabond04@roadrunner.com
Cambodia	Working to assist an orphanage and	rural village
RC of Bath	Richard Cromwell	richcromwell1@gmail.com
Dominican Republic	Teams sent annually to assist in projects	involving prosthetic hands, hearing devices and clean water systems
RC of Portland	Roger Fagan	drfagan@earthlink.net
RC of South Portland Sunrise	Tracey Merrill	wanttocycle@gmail.com
Crutches for Africa	Collect crutches and mobility devices to	ship to various countries in Africa
RC of Saco Bay	Dennis Robillard	risc@maine.rr.com

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

ELDERLY			
Helping the Elderly	Provides transportation and	companionship for local seniors and shut-ins	
RC of Boothbay Harbor	Dwight Swisher	dswish@roadrunner.com	207-633-5475
St. Andre's Nursing Home	Rotarians put on a Christmas Party for	residents	
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques	jacquesee66@aol.com	
Senior Citizen Holiday Party	Over one hundred seniors from holiday dinner, high school band music	Portsmouth are treated to a holiday party featuring Santa, gifts, a fine and songs for the season.	
RC of Portsmouth	Deb Grabowski	dgabowski@communitycampus.org	
Senior Citizens' Luncheon	Seniors referred by the local Housing	Authority are treated to a luncheon hosted by Rotarians	
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	Dave Bagdasarian	bags307@yahoo.com	
YOUTH			
Seniors' Night	Senior High Class is honored at a	Rotary meeting in May each year	

School Support	Rotarians mentor and judge debate teams at the local high school		
RC of Boothbay Harbor	Dwight Swisher	dswish@roadrunner.com	207-633-5475
Karl's Kids	In honor of deceased Rotarian Karl Berger, this program helps disadvantaged youth participate in sports by providing equipment, uniforms, helmets and adaptive tricycles		
RC of Damariscotta-Newcastle	Mike Hall		207-832-5541
Operation Warm	New winter coats distributed to needy children at a local school		
RC of Portland Sunrise	Jim Schmidt	james_schmidt@alexanderschmidt.com	
Toys for Tots	Fall collection of toys at club activities which are distributed to children for the holiday		
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques	jacquesee66@aol.com	
Arboretum of Fort Williams	Rotarians work to clear the site of the future Children's Garden		
RC of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	Ellie Speh	elliespeh@yahoo.com	
COMMUNITY			
Lifetime Service Award	A community member is chosen and honored for a lifetime of exemplary service to others		
Hometown Heroes	Since 9/11, Rotarians honor firemen, police, dispatchers and other heroes for their service to their community		
RC of Boothbay Harbor	Dwight Swisher	dswish@roadrunner.com	207-633-5475
Job Fair	Rotarians helped put on a Job Fair and invited local companies to come in, set-up and take applications		
RC of Exeter	Russell Prescott	russell@represcott.com	
Park Benches	Repair benches along the walking trail on Back Cove		
RC of Portland Sunrise	Jim Schmidt	james_schmidt@alexanderschmidt.com	
Annual Spring Cleaning	Annual project to rebuild/refurbish something within the community (gazebo, middle school book and storage shelves, eroded walking trail, etc)		
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques	jacquesee66@aol.com	
Fire Barn in Fort Williams	Repairs to tree racks and trailer, followed by a cookout		
Bug Light	Biannual clean-up of park and maintenance (painting, repair, etc); conduct tours on Open Lighthouse Day		
WinterFest	Rotary and the city team up to put on a Winter Festival for the community		

Public Works Luncheon	Luncheon at a community center for with WinterFest
RC of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	Kathy Cotter
Festival of Lights Parade	Rotarians built and manned a float for the run by the Recreation Department
Four on the Fourth and Turkey Trot Road Races	Rotarians sponsored and organized two community
RC of York	Rob Horowitz
VETERANS	
Veterans Day	Local veterans are honored at a Rotary
RC of Boothbay Harbor	Dwight Swisher
Run for the Fallen	Rotarians cook and provide assistance
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques
VA2K Walk & Roll	Event to raise awareness of the club's furnishings, and transportation for
RC of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	Doug Schauf
FOOD	
Seacoast Family Promise	Club cooks and serves meals for the
RC of Exeter	Bob Mitchell
Guest Chef	Cooking and serving meals at the Ronald
Food Drive	Collect and deliver food multiple times
RC of Portland Sunrise	Jim Schmidt
Soup Kitchen	Every week, January to May, 8-10
RC of Hampton	Barry Salloway
Bon Appetit Soup Kitchen	Cook and serve monthly
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques
Salvation Army Soup Kitchen	Rotarian bring, prepare and serve food supervised by club members
RC of Portsmouth	Sara Treacy

local Public Works Department in thanks for their help
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town's annual holiday parade and sponsored a Scavenger Hunt
local road races to increase awareness of Rotary in the
www.yorkmerotary.org
meeting in November
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for a race in memory of a son killed in Afghanistan
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Homeless Veterans' Initiative, which helps provide housing, homeless veterans
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homeless in their community
rbmit-mm@comcast.net
McDonald House
throughout the year to Preble Street Resource Center
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Rotarians cook and serve at the Hampton Beach Soup Kitchen
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every other month; Interactors pitch in once a month,
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Stuff the Bus	Two food drives annually for local
South Portland Sunrise	Tracey Merrill
Soup Kitchen	Prepare, serve and clean-up on the members
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	Joe Conroy
HEALTH	
American Red Cross Blood Drive	Rotarians man the blood drive 4-6
RC of Hampton	Rich Gibadlo
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RC of Portland Sunrise	Jim Schmidt
Breast Cancer Awareness	Volunteering to sell programs and Breast Cancer cause
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques
ENVIRONMENT	
Roadside Clean-Up	Club members clean a 2-mile
RC of Hampton	Jim Waddell
Electronic Recycling	Club accepts unwanted electronics
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques
CHRISTMAS	
Christmas/Holiday Party	Annual party with gifts, food, Santa
RC of Kennebunk	Robert MacKenzie
Salvation Army Kettle	Rotarians take shifts to ring the
RC of Portland Sunrise	Jim Schmidt
RC of Sanford-Springvale	Shawn Sullivan
RC of Saco Bay	Chris Jacques
Tree Lot Sale	Selling Christmas trees; involves
RC of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	Kathy Cotter

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second Tuesday of each month; collaborating with Portland RC
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times per year and also provide hotdogs for the donors
rgibadlo1@gmail.com 603-521-0149
multiple times per year
james_schmidt@alexanderschmidt.com
50/50 tickets at the Raging Tide baseball game devoted to the
jacquesee66@aol.com
section of Route 111 in North Hampton, NH four times a year
jwaddell46@gmail.com
for recycling once a year; requests donation to Rotary
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for 30 needy students from local schools
rmackenzie@kennebunkmaine.us
bell for the Salvation Army Kettle collection
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the entire club
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ORGANIZATIONS	
Waban Walkway	Rotarian work crew builds a 300-foot young and old with developmental
RC of Sanford-Springvale	John Caramihalis
Partners for World Health	Rotarians and Interactors held a supplies
RC of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	Ellie Speh

walkway for hiking through the woods at Waban, a local facility for disabilities
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workday at the World Health Warehouse to sort donated medical
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This booklet is an attempt to collect information in one place for many of the service projects being carried out by District 7780 clubs. We have divided them into local community projects, international projects, and literacy projects. For each, we have provided a very brief description of the project, the club, and a contact person, email or phone. Our hope is that if you find a project of interest, you will be able to contact the club carrying it out to get more information. You would then be in a position, in some cases, to join the project or, in others, to replicate it in your own club. We made a serious effort to collect as much information as possible through the Assistant Governors and club Presidents-Elect. It is not only possible, but perhaps even likely, that we missed some great projects. If we did, please let us know, as we intend to publish this list on the District Website. In a couple of cases, we didn't include projects because we did not have enough information to accurately describe them and not enough time to do further research. Service to others is what Rotary is all about. Thanks for all that you and your clubs do to help make this a better world.