WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

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From Passion to Action

Some people don't just cook meals—they use food to care for the people around them. For me, that was Betty.

Betty loved to cook. Homemade chicken and noodles. Tomato basil soup. The kind of meals that made you feel at home the moment you walked in the door. If she could grow the ingredients in her own garden, even better—but what really mattered to her wasn't how impressive the meal looked. It was who she was feeding. Cooking was her way of loving people. If you were sitting at her table, you were known, welcomed, and cared for.

As I celebrate the life of this dear friend, I'm especially grateful that she passed more on to me than recipes. She passed on a way of living—the example of turning what you love into something that serves others. Today, I try to honor her by doing the same: opening my table, sharing meals, and using what I enjoy to care for the people around me.

As Rotarians, that's exactly what we do. We take our passions—whatever they may be—and put them into action to make a difference in our communities. If you've ever wondered what Rotary is about, it's simply this: people who care, doing something about it. And there's always room at the table for someone new.

Rotary in Action: Quick Recap

- 🎓 Caleb Warren launched the 3rd Annual Stethoscopes That Shine Award to honor Maine's future nurses.
- 💜 Jen Goddard (our newest member) is helping lead support for the Mardi Bra donation drive benefiting Distributing Dignity.

This is just an example of a few of our members who continue to show up each week ready to share ideas, encouragement, and action steps for serving our community.



We're already at $1,100 raised for the Polio Fund this year—what an incredible start! Every Happy and Sad Dollar has brought us closer to our $2,000 goal. Whether you're celebrating good news or navigating a challenge, those shared moments are fueling Rotary's mission to eradicate polio worldwide.
Let's keep the momentum going—every dollar, and every story behind it, truly makes a difference.

🎶 **Greater Bangor Area Music Showcase Returns!** 🎶

"Music Off Broadway" is back—bringing an afternoon and evening of incredible performances to the Bangor community once again!
Produced by Roger George and his talented musicians, this beloved show supports Rotary's work right here in our local community.

📍 **Bangor High School Auditorium**
🗓️ **Saturday, April 11 at 7:00 PM**
🗓️ **Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 PM**
🎟️ **Tickets: Youth $15 | General $25 | Patron $5**



Available from Rotarians or at the door.
Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bangor Breakfast in partnership with the Bangor Noontime and Old Town Rotary Clubs. Bring your friends and family for a show that makes a difference!

Thank You, UMaine Honors College!
We were honored to welcome Dr. Melissa Ladenheim and five Honors students who shared about the Maine Day Meal Packout—an inspiring, student-led effort to combat food insecurity in our community. If you want to donate for this cause- click here
Their leadership and heart for service left us energized and reminded us that the next generation is already making a powerful impact right here in Maine.

February Birthday Crew!

Another trip around the sun—and we're so glad you're taking it with us. Wishing you cake, celebration, and maybe even a few extra Happy Dollars in your honor!

Joe Roberts- February 5
Andrew Cassidy- February 5
Ned Jennings-February 27
Marianna Reeves- February 27

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