

The Roundtable

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Bangor Area Breakfast Rotary Club

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Rippling and Clean Waters

The Bangor Area Stormwater Group sounds, upon introduction, like a marine patrol organization prepared for rescue operations on the Penobscot or Stillwater Rivers. It is, in fact, in rescue work when stormwater pollution, lawn runoff, pet waste, fluorides on streets, cigarette butts and fertilizer wash into area rivers and streams.

Brenda Zollitsch explained the purpose and work of the Stormwater Group, bringing an awareness of how waters get polluted through inattention to what we put on our lawns, streets, and leave unattended in our drainage systems.

Road salt, storm drain water, and other untreated chemical and refuse materials keep the group busy in educating and making the public aware of something we may not think about often.

The BASWG has a budget of \$38,000; much of the organization's work comes from in-kind donations and volunteers. Area towns and municipalities contribute financial support averaging \$4,000 a year. Belle Ryder, assistant town manager for Orono, told of her community's support of BASWG.

Volunteers and organizations can adopt-a-stream or adopt-a-storm-drain.

"Flouride pollution is a huge issue," Ms. Zollitsch said. "Adopting fluoride techniques can save businesses money." This also includes construction site planning and management, and post-construction management to reduce stormwater damage.

BASWG.org has more information and contacts.



Kylie- Interact President

We Present a Check and Celebrate Birthdays

The Club gave Toys for Tots director Amada Rideout a check for \$11,829.79 representing the proceeds from the annual Auction/Dinner. The Tonmeisters/Frau Trio sang birthday salutes to **Michael Lamson** and **Tom Dorrity**. We were happy to welcome



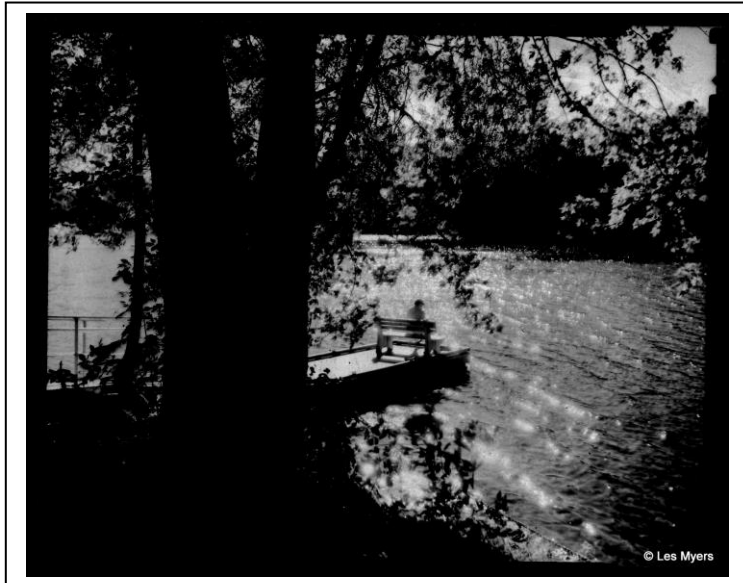
John Cheney did some book auditing and determined that over the past ten years, Breakfast Rotary Members have worked on projects that enabled the club to donate at least \$500,000 to area charities and groups.

members of the Rotary Interact Leaders Club, and **Ken Kimball** announced that Chris Facchini will MC the *All That Jazz* program.

Ken Huhn attended a Rotary Membership meeting in Waterville, and reminded us that we can see a YouTube presentation of the Rotary International Foundation.

Lisa Wahlstrom will get balls rolling on Sunday when she participates in a bowl-a-thon for the benefit of the Good Samaritan Agency. She seeks sponsorships.

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Waters Ripple and Flow
Czech/Slavic Folk Song
Waters ripple and flow
Gently to the sea
Mend my broken heart,
Set my broken heart free

Swiftly flowing the river
Listen to my song
Lonesome still am I
For my lover I long
Sound the trumpet of freedom
I the vict'ry have won
Home my lover has come
Back, no longer to roam