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BATH ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN RED DOOR COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The Bath Rotary Club recently provided lunch at the Red Door Community Kitchen, held in the Great Hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath. The program provided a healthy meal of hot soup, pizza, chicken salad sandwich, potato chips, cookies, fruit, coffee, and milk to anyone who walked into the Great Hall between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Helen Monroy, a St. Thomas parishioner, stated that in 2013 the idea of the Red Door Community Kitchen evolved out of many group meetings held at the church's annual meeting. Programs and services currently offered in Bath were assessed by Monroy and a group of other parishioners, and they recognized the need to create a soup kitchen. Other churches and agencies in the community made financial contributions to the base funding. Presently, St. Thomas parishioners and Bath Rotarians sponsor teams to provide and serve the meals. The program also provides a warm and comfortable atmosphere for the people to socialize with each other and the servers.

Vicki Anderson, coordinator of the program for the Bath Rotary Club said, "No one in America should ever go hungry. I am pleased to say that the Bath Rotary Club supports the Red Door Community Kitchen and provides food for the less fortunate. The Rotarians are proud to provide and serve a healthy and sustaining meal two times a year to those in need. We also enjoy not only the fellowship we experience with those who come for lunch but also with our fellow Rotarians who serve the meals."

The Bath Rotary Club, chartered in 1923, is part of Rotary International, a service organization with over 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. It was the world's first volunteer service organization and is more than 100 years old. The participation in the Red Door Community Kitchen allows the Bath Rotarians to continue their involvement in community service projects and to display dedication to their motto of "Service Above Self".

The Bath Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:00 p.m. in the Empire Room of the Dormann Library.

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Two shifts of Bath Rotarians prepare to serve a hearty lunch to those who arrive at the Red Door Community Kitchen, located in the Great Hall of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath. Front row standing left to right are: Nancy Latour, Vicki Anderson, Elaine Tears, Willie Bilancio, and Becky Stranges. Back row standing left to right are: Terry Bilancio, Michaelene Ahrens-Schultz (Friend of Rotary), Robin Lattimer, June Bates, and Bill White.