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BATH ROTARY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN WATERSHED PROJECT

As part of the Rotary District 7120 Watershed Project, the Bath Rotary Club participated in the cleanup of public access sites to local waterways. Members cleaned up the area of Tyrtle Beach on Lake Salubria outside of the Village of Bath and three areas on Keuka Lake, including Champlain Beach outside the Village of Hammondsport, Keuka Yacht Club, and the Branchport Inlet in the town of Jerusalem. The local project was spearheaded by Tess McKinley, Jane Russell, and Jessica Thomas.

This project supported the environment, one of the 7 Areas of Focus for Rotary International. The other areas are: peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; economic and community development.

“The watershed initiative is an environmental service project which includes our district and fourteen other districts covering eight states and two Canadian, border provinces,” stated Gary Anderson, Rotary District 7120 Environmental Action Committee. “District 7120 Rotarians picked up debris along public access areas to Lake Ontario, the Genessee River, and Finger Lakes rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds. They also enjoyed hours of fellowship and friendship with their fellow Rotarians.

Rotary is a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary’s 1.2 million members in 36,000 clubs hail from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from serving the needs in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

The Bath Rotary Club, chartered in 1923, meets every Thursday at noon. Anyone interested in more information about this active, service club, including membership, should contact Jessica Thomas, President, at jess542002@gmail.com.

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Bath Rotary Club clean up debris at the site of Turtle Beach on Lake Salubria as part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project. Standing left to right are: Logan Herrick, Tess McKinley, Angela Mattoon, Bill White, Elaine Tears, and Don Snyder. Herrick is a Bath-Haverling Central School 10th grader who earned community service points for helping the Rotarians.

(More pictures on the next 3 pages.)



Bath Rotarians cleaned up the area of the Branchport Inlet on Keuka Lake as part of District 7120's Watershed Project. Standing left to right are: Nancy Latour, Cheryl Muller, and Jane Russell.

(Additional pictures on the next 2 pages.)



Bath Rotarians, Amanda Chafee, President-Elect, and Jessica Thomas, President, clean up Champlain Beach on Keuka Lake as part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project.

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Champlain Beach on Keuka Lake cleaned up by Amanda Chafee and Jessica Thomas as part of Rotary District 7120's Watershed Project.