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HAPPY HOLIDAY HELPFULNESS

During a recent, weekly meeting of the Bath Rotary Club Amanda Chafee, President, and Mike Slovak, Treasurer, thanked the club members for their generous donations, including those from Fines and Confessions, which allowed the club to contribute funds to district and local projects.

A check for \$1000 was sent to DG Janet for the District Stove Project. Congratulations, DG Janet, for such an innovative idea! We are certain that those who receive the appliances will be greatly appreciative of the service provided by Rotary.

As for the past 15 years, the local club participated in the Greater Bath Area Thanksgiving project which helped to provide everything needed for a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner for the community members in need. A check for \$1000 was sent to Bob and Mary Dunham, two of the project co-chairs and Honorary Members of the Bath Rotary Club, for this community project.

Again this year the local club sent a check for \$1000 to Turning Point, a service priority of Catholic Charities of Steuben. A recent publication of the latter stated that its mission is to build communities that care for all people by strengthening and enriching the quality of life for individuals, families, and children by working to reduce poverty and advocating for social justice. The Bath Rotarians hope that this holiday contribution provided needed food and gifts for several local families.

When the local club learned that Turning Point was in great need of personal hygiene items, it decided to donate the \$900 realized from one of its chicken barbeque fundraisers to this cause. When Slovak delivered the check to Turning Point, the employees were most grateful not only for this contribution but also for the continued partnership it has had with Rotary over the years.

Although the club had to cancel Kim Tenreiro's performance of "A Christmas Carol" due to Covid-19 restrictions, it decided to donate \$2500 to the CHAMP program at ProAction which had been originally designated as the local charity to benefit from the proceeds of the performance. This program provides funds for community members who have some type of need not supported by other programs at ProAction.

Finally, the club continued its monthly participation in the Red Door Community Kitchen which provides a free lunch to community members in need. It prepared a hearty, bag lunch for Thanksgiving and prepared and funded a delicious lasagna, bag lunch for Christmas. The participation in this project allows the Bath Rotarians to continue their involvement in

community service projects and to display dedication to the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self."

We hope that all Rotarians in District 7120 and throughout the world enjoyed a happy holiday season and are staying safe ad healthy.