

## A Night at the Clambake Festival

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The Clambake Festival was held on April 18 this year, and it was a fun way to celebrate the achievements of the Rockingham County Democratic Committee. While it was a time of celebration, it was also a time to start thinking about the future of the party. The elections in November are a chance to switch the house sides and let Democrats lead in the majority.

The event took place at the Waterfront at the Elks in Portsmouth. It was a very scenic location with great views of the creek nearby. I thought that the chair of the RCDC was a great leader for the Dems, and there were many people that contributed greatly to get this festival underway.

After some beginning remarks there was dinner, which was lobster mainly, but chicken and vegetarian meals were also served. I sat with a table of high schoolers that were adamant about representing their schools and showing up for the event. All of the high schoolers at the event were determined to make change in their communities and the state.

One of the best things about the festival was that it was an opportunity to meet new people. I met many candidates who were running for their elections in November. They talked to me about issues that I thought were important now, like climate change and rising prices. Not only did I get to meet a lot of passionate people, but they were interested in what people like me had to say.

The festival wrapped up with speeches from Maggie Goodlander, Chris Pappas, Maggie Hassan and others. The festival was overall a fun event to meet people and talk about how we can change the state for the better.