

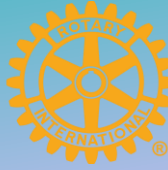
# BING

Newsletter

## Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



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### April 16, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

President Harry called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the Rotary of Dover, NH.

**May He Rest in Peace:** Our condolences to the family of Rotarian Dave Barnes.

#### Check Presentation:

President Harry presented a check to Peter and Laura from the Mayhew Program. Peter spoke about the project, working with underserved boys, starting at age 10, to get boys to believe in themselves, work well with others, and find their best. Mayhew currently serves 9 boys from Dover. He thanked Rotary for once again supporting the Mayhew Program. NOTE: Peter is a Rotarian from Bristol. Bristol Rotary Club is also doing visioning.

**Member induction:** Membership Chair Steve P. inducted our newest member, **Rob Gagnon**. Welcome Rob!

**Amy's Treat:** Nick P. distributed information for a Fundraiser for Amy's Treat at <https://amystreat.org>. Their mission is dedicated to providing solutions to the day-to-day difficulties of living with cancer and offers unexpected "treats" to renew the spirit for the patients of Mass General Cancer Center, New Hampshire.

#### Program: Follow-Up on Visioning Session

Cate R. and Steve P. discussed the outcome of our recent visioning session and possible new directions.

Two of the top items voted on by members are already in place: a New Member Committee And PR Committee. Several Rotarians volunteered to join one or both. Gregg and Kate will attend both committee meetings during their launch times.

The next item high on the list was the need for a signature event. What would such an event look like if we were in charge? Ideas included:

#### Upcoming Meetings & Events

##### Meetings (12:15 pm):

**April 30: Quarterly Membership Meeting**

Revo Cassino, 5 – 7 p.m. Members \$10, guests free.

**May 7:** Broadway - \$10.00 lunch.

Brian Nolen - providing aide in Ukraine.

##### Events:

**April 28:** Senior Visit – Riverside, 2- 3 p.m.

**May 10:** Willand Pond Cleanup, 9 a.m.

**May 14:** Scams/Safety Training – Dover Police Department, 5:30 p.m.

**May 16:** United Way Day of Caring

**May 17:** Garden Planting, 9 a.m.

**Guests:** Peter Salima and Laura Brusseau from Mayhew Program

**Pledge:** Doug L.

**4-Way Test:** Kathy F.

*Today's newsletter authored by Jim V.*

- Collaborate with another organization on an event, perhaps one they may already be doing.
- Create an event that invites everyone in the community to participate, not a fundraiser, a celebration kind of event
- The Salem Rotary Club used to provide support for the NH special Olympics
- Food truck event. Games for kids.
- Moultonborough Rotary Club holds a Chili cook-off event. Maybe we do international foods
- If fundraising – make it for another organization, particularly smaller local nonprofits where \$1,000 or so would be of value
- Participate in Dover’s Holiday parade
- Look for options that already exist that we can support.
- Think about location – Rotary pavilion, park, good location for a signature event. There’s little that happens in the early summer, mark the beginning of summer, like the South Berwick Strawberry Festival. Cook-out, BBQ Festival with fireworks perhaps?
- Duck race down the river?
- Outdoor activities – must have a contingency for bad weather.
- Fireworks – this year at Garrison Hill, starting in 2026 from Maglaras Park.
- Schedule event in consultation with Chamber and Rec Department – review a yearly calendar
- 2026 opening of new Riverfront Park – if we could grab a date for a signature event.
- Taking advantage of the river – Cardboard Boat Race: Pumpkin Boat Race?
- Annual blood drive as we used to do.

Cate and Steve’s purpose today was to get folks thinking. Please keep sharing ideas with them. A planning committee will be formed to narrow down the ideas and investigate.

#### Announcements:

**Vote to approve supporting Dover Chamber events as a \$5,000 block grant** rather than sponsoring each individual event as recommended by the BOD. This is a practical move that comes by request of the Chamber. **Motion to approve: Nick moves, Cindy seconds. Passed unanimously.**

#### BINGO:

Need for counters – this week 11 boxes coming in that need to be counted. Jim M. noted one concern about counting. We are barely keeping up with counting need. Have we looked at automated version? Ken P. said we have a machine, did not work well, and distributor says new machines are worse than the one we have. Will look into it further.

Another suggestion was to hold a “meeting” for counting – some other time than Wed. pm?

Gregg D. noted Bingo has earned our four participating clubs \$286K by the end of March. Our budgeted amount was \$180K.

**District Grants:** Gregg D. said we have qualified to apply for a District Grant with four people trained from our club. Ideas are welcome. We need to file by June 1. One idea is to put in a heating system for End 68 building at St. John’s.

**Quarterly Membership Meeting will be April 30** at the REVO CASINO starting at 5 p.m. Meeting in the function room; buffet dinner, cash bar. Members \$10, Guests Free.

**Cleanup at Willand Pond on May 10, 9 a.m.** We will be cleaning up the shoreline and an abandoned camp.

**Scams/Safety Training:** Our club is partnering with the **Dover Police Department** to hold a “Scams/Safety” training for club members and the general public. **The proposed date is May 14,** proposed time is 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the police headquarters education room. A light dinner will be served and there will be breakout tables for participants to meet with police officers. More to come.

**Carol Salava** (former Dover Rotarian) had a successful brain surgery. Harry said a tumor was removed that was much larger than one 17 years ago. She will be coming out of intensive care shortly.

**United Way Day of Caring, May 16 United Way Day of Caring.** Our team will be working with My Friend’s Place. Can work part of day. Yard work, cleaning out barn.

**Garden Update:** Beth F. said Sundance Sign will repaint the letters on our sign. Bob Sherwood will provide soil from front garden and Lincoln Landscaping will install.

**Senior Visits:** Melissa L. reported four Rotarians participated in the Covered Bridge Senior Visit – had a great time with Trivia

**Next senior visit will be Monday, Apr. 28, 2-3 p.m. doing BINGO at Riverside.**

#### **Happy Bucks**

**Jay S.** – grandchild sitting. Visited VA Tech Institute

**Gregg D.** – grandson named most improved out of 33 7<sup>th</sup> grades in Maine

**Steve P.** – welcome to Rob and for all that we have in the works for the club

**Rob G.** – for joining the club

**Jim M.** – acting debut yesterday, two-person show sponsored by Goodwin Community Health, part of a safety training event; played an irate grandfather

**Rod B.** – Irish winner of Master; got Rotary badge

**Cindy I.** – good news of Carol’s surgery

**Nancy B.** – DHS Interact member “student of the week”

**Noreen B.** – for Rob welcome

**Cate R.** – kudos to Melissa for senior visits

**50/50 Drawing:** \$1,313 in the pot. Beth picked wrong card. Pot grows – 7 cards left!!!

#### **April Birthdays:**

Harry C. April 3

Rod B. April 3

Jay S. April 4

Kim F. April 15

#### **April Anniversary:**

Ken P. 17 years