

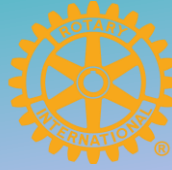
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



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Apr. 15, 2026

President Cathy welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, NH and led us in the pledge.

Cathy's book suggestion: *Healing a Village* by Portsmouth author Mark Lefebvre

Program: Classification Talks: Becky Crowley, Kendra Lewis, Jennifer McNeil and Suzanne Weete

Becky Crowley grew up in Durham, NH and attended Oyster River schools. Near the end of her talk, Jerry Daley asked her if she remembered who her principal was. She did not, however, Jerry did since he was her principle. The amazing response was met with a lot of wows and thanks, just like much of her life story.

Becky's dad was a physics professor at UNH, and her mom was Jayne Kaufman - a superstar sculptress; both responsible for Becky's "bohemian and hippy lifestyle." Her parents didn't like to spend money - on Becky - as she said. To earn money, she learned the value of hard work and began helping her mother sell ceramics at craft fairs and babysitting before she was 12 years old.

Becky played volleyball and soccer and her prowess on the soccer field led to a special work-study grant to attend Swarthmore College where she earned a degree in economics then joined the Peace Corps. She travelled to Botswana, taught math to young teenagers and eventually met Steve, a gem geologist, who worked for DeBeers.

After her service in the corps she returned home, studied to be an accountant at MacIntosh College, married Steve, moved to South Carolina and became a CPA. They moved back to Botswana where her son was born, came back to the states to Denver, Alaska and Dallas (where her daughter was born) then began her career valuing small businesses. Her husband retired while Becky continues to work at home, valuing small businesses, visiting her mom at Riverwoods and hoping for grandchildren someday. Welcome, Becky!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

May 6: John Keynon, Roof-A-Vet

May: 20: India Trip: Marion C.

Events:

Apr. 16: Hands-on – Book dusting library - 9:30 a.m.

Apr. 21: Senior visits – Maple Suites, 3 p.m.

Apr. 21: BOD, 12:30 p.m.

Apr. 30: Night at Bingo

Apr. 25: Mitten Making, 9 – noon

May 16: Rotary Garden Planting, 9 a.m.

May 28: 68 Hours of Hunger Packing, 9 a.m.

Jun 11: Community Resource Exchange, 9:30, St. Thomas

Pledge: Pres. Cathy

4-Way Test: Kathy F.

Newsletter authored by Noreen B.

Kenra Lewis grew up among the oranges, nuts and grapes growing in the geographical center of California. Her parents were teachers who carefully watched expenses and owned “a big brown ugly van” that served as a place to live on trips during breaks – the farthest to South Dakota. Kendra said, “dance was my forte” and displayed numerous photos of herself in tutus, twirling and on point. Camp Fire was a “big part” of her life in California.

She also joined Interact in high school and their group went to Mexico on spring breaks to build playgrounds – noting she didn’t know Interact was part of Rotary until years later.

Kendra completed her undergraduate programs from California State University and Oregon State University, completed her postdoctoral work at UC Davis, and taught online at UC Animal and Natural Resources Center. Seven years ago, she moved to New Hampshire, joined UNH’s Extension Program as an Extension Professor in its Youth and Family Resiliency program.

Kendra is an aunt to nine and soon to be 10, bought a home a few years ago with a friend and lives with a dog and cat – Lemon and Lucy. She is a “huge reader” and boasted about the number of books read in a year (60-70) - only topped by the 100+ Pres. Cathy boasted. She loves flamingos, planning events and looking forward to getting more involved in Rotary.

Welcome Kendra!

Jennifer MacNeil was born and raised in Dover to parents she described as hard workers. Her dad founded Formax in Dover, supported by the whole family. RYLA was a defining moment in her life, and Jennifer recalls meeting Phil as he promoted the Rotary Youth Leadership Program years ago; she is still in touch with some of her RYLA teammates. Kendra also mentioned how impressed she is with all the changes in Dover and said the Rotary sponsored pavilion and gardens changed the city and made the park the center of town.

She has four children with husband Charlie and said, “Family is everything to me.” Each of her children have special qualities and she also cares for a nephew. One of her children is transgender and Jennifer is very thankful for all the community support. Her oldest has a degree in quantum physics and is working on cyberspace and her youngest is recovering from paralysis thanks to a program at Mayo Clinic that helped him grow new nerves in his legs.

Jennifer was diagnosed with ovarian cancer at the age of 21 and given three weeks to live but managed to survive. Her endurance athlete husband had a heart attack recently and is doing great. Jennifer said, “Everyday ... is a gift.”

A speech pathologist and reading specialist, Jennifer works with kids with dyslexia and ADHD and also does college, career and social coaching. She joined Rotary because of its commitment to service and the encouragement of neighbors Cindy I. and Nick P.

Welcome Jennifer!

Suzanne Weete began her presentation with a Two Truths and a Lie slide – the answers were revealed as she discussed her life story. She was born in Danvers, MA and spent summers in Cumberland, Maine with her grandparents and an aunt. Describing herself as a tomboy, Suzanne was often left to her own devices growing up, played soccer (only gave up a few years ago), was boy crazy and very social. She attended Greely High School and once played soccer in England, graduated from University of Maine

Orono with a degree in International Affairs, Political Science and French and spent her junior year in France.

A major Black Bear fan, she met her husband Seth while at UMO and both traveled to the northwest and enjoying hiking adventures. One day she and her siblings each received a check for \$10,000 and discovered the money was royalties from a book her grandmother's cousin (who had no kids) wrote and was published by Dale Carnegie – *How to stop worrying and start living* that apparently still sells, since smaller royalties continue to arrive ever year in the \$200 range.

Her career began in the tech industry where she learned sales skills and a preference for nonprofit ventures. She worked at the HUB Family Resource Center for seven years, Community Action Partners of Strafford County for seven years, and has been at Community Partners for nine years where she is Community Education and Engagement Manager. She is also a founding member and steering committee member of the Dover Mental Health Alliance.

Suzanne and her husband Seth have three children – all focused on math and engineering. She is a Mental Health First Aid trainer and thanked Gregg D., Steve P. and Melissa L. for being mentors and Rotary influencers.

“What Rotary does is so inspiring ... all three of my kids still have their dictionaries,” she said. Welcome Suzanne!

Announcements:

Senior visits: Apr. 21, 3 – 4, Maple Suites

Mitten making: Apr. 25, 9 - noon

Social event: Bingo on Apr. 30 - \$35

Epic Day of Service: May 15, 9-11

Shred Event: Raised \$1500 for Interact projects

Poland International Project: Gregg D. gave Rotarians a quick Polish language instruction and the entire club sent greetings via Gregg's cell to Rotary friends in Poland working on the Rotary project to help teens in recovery.

Rotary Garden: *Roses are red, violets are blue, Rotary gardens really need you!* Noreen B. encouraged all new and current Rotarians to help with the garden project – planting May 16.

50/50 Raffle: \$274, Cindy I. WON!!!!!! Congrats.

April birthdays:

Harry C. Apr. 3

Rod B. Apr. 3

Jay S. Apr. 4

Suzanne W. Apr. 13

Kim F. Apr. 15

April anniversaries:

Ken P. 18 years