

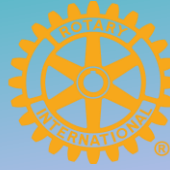
# BING

Newsletter

# Rotary

Dover, NH

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## Aug. 21, 2024 – In-person meeting, 12:15

President Harry welcomed all to the meeting and introduced our guests, District 7780 Governor Bob MacKenzie and Asst. Governor, Gary Branyen.

### Program: Official District Governor Visit

Asst. Gov. Gary Branyen introduced District 7780 Governor Bob MacKenzie and welcomed him for his official visit to our club. Bob is a long-term member of Kennebunk Rotary Club and has served as the Chief of Police in Kennebunk since 2008. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, served Kennebunk Rotary as President and is the Chair of the District 7780 Recovery Initiative.

Bob thanked the club for its support as he entered his year as District Governor and thanked past District Governor Marion for service and guidance as he has moved through the Governor's track for the district. Bob started by sharing with the club a shirt that his club gave him with the many faces and roles he has taken on over the years and proudly wore the shirt throughout his presentation.

Bob spoke of his work on the Recovery Initiative and the importance of addressing addiction and the opioid crisis in Maine and New Hampshire. He relayed personal stories regarding how the issue has impacted his family and the journeys of his children and stepchildren. Recovery continues to be a focus for his family, and he has served to come together and live healthy lives.

Bob identified the opioid epidemic as something we need to educate our communities about. To that end, District 7780 will be presenting the Third Annual Recovery Conference, Critical Partners: Mental Health and The Road to Recovery. Bob identified the efforts regarding mental health and the Rotary Action Group initiated by Marion as important work that will continue

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings:

**Aug. 28:** No Meeting

**Sept. 4:** No Meeting

**Sept. 11:** No noon meeting,  
Putt Putt Event, 5 pm

#### Events:

**Sept. 11:** Putt Putt Event, 5 pm

**Sept. 21:** Garden mum planting, 9 am

**Sept. 28:** Recovery Conference Noble  
High School, 9 am – 3 pm

**Oct. 2:** DMHA Putting Event, 5 pm

**Oct. 12:** Shred event Saint John's  
Methodist Church

**Pledge:** Dave B.

**4-Way Test:** Nancy B.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Bob MacKenzie, Gary  
Branyen

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by Gregg D.*

during his year and into the future. He shared information on addiction, how it quickly grabs someone's life, and the sometimes-tragic consequences of drug use. He answered questions regarding how genetics may contribute to addiction, why legal drug use can sometimes lead to addiction and how the availability of Narcan has saved lives.

Bob also noted District 7780 is partnering with Journey magazine to promote education regarding addiction and recovery. This partnership will result in publicity and branding for Rotary through the magazine which will be distributed throughout Maine and New Hampshire. Upon conclusion of his remarks, President Harry presented Bob with a Dover Rotary sponsorship check of \$1000 for the Recovery Conference.

#### **Announcements:**

**Back to School:** Kevin Q. announced the backpacks will be distributed following today's meeting at the Seymour Osman Center. The distribution will include an ice cream social, and all are welcome to join the Back-to-School Committee as they complete this year's project. Kevin thanked everyone for their assistance.

**7-Day member notice:** Bjorn Sigursson was welcomed, and his membership application was placed on 7-day notice. A Fireside chat will be held immediately following today's meeting.

**Bingo:** President Harry announced ticket counting for Bingo will be done on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and anyone who can assist can come any time after 2:00 PM. We continue to sell a high volume of tickets and need to keep replenishing our supply. We sold 34 boxes last week and hosted 115 players. The new lease for Bingo has been received and we are reviewing the details. The new space is being developed and we want to be sure we know the new location in the casino, the amount of space for the games and any other details we should be prepared for.

**Visioning:** The board is applying for the Visioning Workshop being offered through the District. There will be an opportunity to participate in this effort and everyone's involvement is encouraged.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next club meeting will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. There is no meeting next week nor is there a meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>. September 11<sup>th</sup> will be a Mini Golf Outing at Hilltop Fun Center and tickets will benefit Brendan's NH Service Dog project.

**Save the Date:** As mentioned in Bob's presentation, **The Third Annual District 7780 Recovery Conference, Critical Partners: Mental Health and The Road to recovery** will be held at Noble High School, North Berwick, Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Breakfast and registration will, begin at 8:00 AM. Our club has tickets available as part of our sponsorship and will go on a first come first serve basis. Other tickets will be available through registration at a cost of \$25.00 which basically covers breakfast, lunch, and facility use. Please join us for this important event. Contact Gregg D. at [gdownty60@gmail.com](mailto:gdownty60@gmail.com) to reserve a ticket or register at <https://bit.ly/3Mc9OV3>.

## Happy Bucks

**Gary B.** happy to be serving as our Assistant Governor

**Bob M.** happy to be at Dover Rotary and the opportunity to serve as District Governor

**Brendon M.** was happy for the presentation and visit from Bob.

**Melissa L.** was happy to have spent a week in Texas in the heat.

**Beth F.** was happy for today's presentation.

**Doug L.** was happy for the great work of the medical team who helped with his finger injury.

**Jerry D. and Malcolm M.** acknowledged WDH.

**Bjorn S.** was happy to join the club.

**Gregg D.** was happy for today's presentation and for the Picnic on the Patio held last week.

**Frank C.** was happy for today's presentation.

**Marion C.** was happy to welcome Bob to the role of District Governor and also happy that the surgery on her thumb was successful.

**Kathy F.** was happy for today's presentation and her family vacations.

**Nancy B.** was happy for today's presentation and for 31 years in this club.

**Harry C.** was happy to welcome Bob M. to our club and for the work this club does in the community.

**Phil R.** was happy that the backpack project is done.

**50/50 Raffle:** Jim M. won the privilege to draw the King of Clubs, but no luck today.

### August Birthdays:

Marion C. Aug. 2

Sheila T. Aug. 8

Sandy T. Aug. 13

Frank C. Aug. 17

### Anniversaries:

Nancy B. 31 years

Melissa L. 17 years

Brendan M. 1 year

Ross A. 1 year