



**Aug. 30, 2023 – In-person & zoom Meeting, 12:15**

President Kathy F. welcomed everyone to Dover Rotary

**New Member: Ross Armstrong**

Pres. Kathy inducted new member Ross Armstrong, classification of commercial lending and colleague of Dover Rotarian Nathania Sitiwatjana. Ross will give his classification talk on Sept. 6 and he “looks forward to getting more involved.” Welcome, Ross!



**Programs #1 – Emily Fraser, 2020 Scholarship Winner**



Accomplished, confident and excited – three of many ways to describe Dover High School graduate Emily Fraser - winner of Dover Rotary’s \$10, 000 DeColfmacker Scholarship. Emily is entering her senior year at Bently University majoring in Information Design and Corporate Communications with a minor in Finance. She carries a 3.8 GPA and has made Bently’s President’s List for the past 3 years. In her first year, she said she learned to never take anything for granted as the COVID epidemic closed classrooms, dining halls and most activities. All her classes were online.

During her sophomore year, life changed and many restrictions ended. As a former Interact student she took advantage of opportunities to serve and became a peer tutor, a Relay for Life participant, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and joined Kappa Delta Sorority where she now serves as Director of Philanthropy and Community Service. She also continued her 10 year commitment to compete in national jump rope competitions.

In the Fall 2022, she flew to Rome, Italy, to study and toured 7 other counties during the semester. Emily also managed to fit in 2 internships – one with TXS in merchandising and another in marketing

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Meetings:**

- Sept. 6:** Ross Armstrong Classification
- Sept. 13:** Dan McMillan *Save Democracy in America*
- Sept. 20:** Club Assembly

**Events:**

- Sept. 19:** Together on Tuesday- Doug Locy home, 185 Spur Rd, Dover, NH
- Oct. 14:** Shred It recycling 9 am St. John’s Methodist Church

**Guests:** Emily Fraser, Ross Armstrong, Nicholas Goulet, Paxton and service dog Nisa

**Visiting Rotarians:** Harvey Bernier, Ricard Donhauser

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with Medicus Health Solutions. Her goals in life are (1) graduate in 2024, (2) travel and (3) get a job in marketing in health related field hopefully in the Boston area. Emily ended her slide presentation with a Thank You to Dover Rotary – you are so welcome!

### Program #2 – Richard Donhauser, South Berwick-Eliot Rotary Club – Solar Suitcases

Richard Donhauser described his club’s project to light up the nights in rural African communities so birth center’s don’t have to deliver babies by flashlight, eager students can study for exams without having to travel to a town center’s for limited electric lights and life gets brighter for so many in the dark. The international project was funded with a district grant of \$4000 and additional funds raised by SBE club/community. They initially purchased 2 solar suitcases (created by WeShareSolar) at \$2,500 each and taught 160 sixth graders at Marshwood Middle School to assemble the components. “The kids gained solar literacy, and learned about direct current and alternating current in the process,” Richard said. The work was done in science classes an hour at a time – took 10 classes to complete. A brief video demonstrated the process and highlighted the moment when each group’s efforts resulted in lighting a light bulb or charging a phone. The solar suitcases are donated to African communities and used to light solar panels– several can be chained together to light large spaces.



### Program #3 – Harvey Bernier - Chapala Sunrise Rotary, Mexico



Harvey thanked Dover Rotary for our contribution to a global grant project to fund an education project in a poor Mexican barrio focused on reducing the high incidence of kidney disease. Due to changes in local agriculture into industrial development, farmers are no longer producing high quality food due to water pollution from industries that could not maintain US standards and move to Mexico. The result is poor nutrition, a higher level of diabetes and kidney disease. The local Rotary club has built a community center and now offers education to local women on how to cook more nutritiously. They have also brought in a world class chef to set up the kitchen and create healthy meals based on local culture.

### Announcements:

**Foundation:** Jim M. noted the Rotary Peace Program is funded by the Rotary Foundation and offers scholarships for a Master’s Degree in Peace at centers around the world.

**Paul Harris Fellow Presentation:** Jim presented **Nick P.** with a PHF recognition for his numerous contributions to Dover Rotary.

**Bingo** – Cate R. reported the start date is **Sept. 7.** Watch for a sign up sheet for volunteers – Dover needs to provide 5-6 volunteers per night. An orientation is tentatively planned for Sept. 6. More to come.

**Garden** – Kevin Q. thanked everyone who helped weed last Saturday.

**Back To School** – Kevin Q. thanked Rotarians who participated in last Friday's backpack packing event. They filled 65 backpacks and distributed them on Tuesday at the Seymour Osman Community Center with ice cream treats. Additional backpacks were donated to the Dover Teen Center.

**Literacy** – Marion C. said the books not given away on the 400<sup>th</sup> parade (due to torrential rain) may be distributed at Apple Harvest on Oct. 7 and this year's Dictionary/Thesaurus distribution will be in October – date to be determined.

**Vocational Training & Tools Promotion** – Jim M. reported an informational flyer for our vocational grant was included in this week's Chamber of Commerce email.

**Shred It Recycling Project** - Cate R. announced the date of this year's recycling project is Saturday, Oct. 14 (9-noon) with DHS Interact club at St. John's Methodist Church. Good opportunity for Rotary fellowship.

**Happy Dollars:**

**Cathy B.** for recommending Dover 400<sup>th</sup> Voices of Dover – great listening – lots of Rotarians interviewed

**Nick P.** for Paul Harris Fellow recognition and for scholarship winner Emily whose amazing accomplishments made him feel like a complete slacker

**Jim M.** for perfectly behaved dog guest

**Cate R.** for Nick P. recognition and Kevin Q.'s leadership

**Jim V.** for leaving for France for six week stay

**Frank C.** for 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and returning to Newport and re-walking his 2 ½ mile paper route

**Doug L.** for Emily, for dog guest and for upcoming trip to San Diego to visit son and grandson

**Malcolm M.** for finally attending a meeting after tough bout with COVID he caught on a trip to Europe

**50/50 Raffle:** No winner. 762 - pot grows!

**August Birthdays:**

Marion C. Aug. 2  
Sheila T. Aug. 8  
Frank C. Aug. 17

**August Anniversaries:**

Nancy B. 30 years  
Melissa L. 16 years  
Jonathan N. 1 year  
Nathania S. 1 year  
Michael D. 1 year