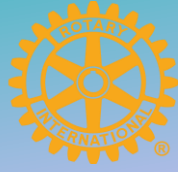


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Newsletter

Rotary
Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



**THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY**

Aug. 7, 2024 – In-person meeting, 12:15

President Harry C. welcomed all to the August 7 meeting of the Dover Rotary Club.

Thanks to Doug L. for picking up lunch, to Marion C. for making the salad, and to Harry C. for the birthday cake celebrating our August Rotarians' birthdays.

Program: Classification: Transfer Member Seneca Bernard

Seneca joined Rotary in 2019 as a member of the Rochester Rotary. He is currently the Director of Operations at Dover's Pope Memorial Humane Society--Cochecho Valley. Previously he worked for Gather in Portsmouth and Rochester. Seneca does a bit of everything at Pope but is primarily involved in fundraising and community relations. The Humane Society has 20 staff members and 200+ volunteers. His next major project will be the annual Haunted Overload fundraiser in October.

He explained, at first, he didn't like animals, but is now the proud parent of an 11-year-old dog named Knuckles who'd been adopted, and subsequently surrendered, three times. There's always surprises at the shelter: on Monday a (supposedly) male guinea pig gave birth, as had a male rabbit the week previously (a litter of nine bunnies)! Seneca explained how fostering animals works, as well as the day out programs and dog-walking. His partner, Mohammed lives in Portland with his two children, while Seneca lives in Dover but they make it work.

Questions for Seneca included:

Do you still want old newspapers? Yes, for the birds' cages.

Where are you from? Originally Bow, NH, then Oklahoma, Boston, Germany and Newmarket.

How many animals live at the shelter? Currently 83 but have room for 35 dogs and 100 cats. The average is 30 dogs and 45 kittens/cats. Plus, rabbits, guinea pigs, doves, parrots. Dogs are primarily pit bull mixes and shepherd mixes. Orange cats are the quickest to be adopted!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Aug. 14: no noon meeting

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Aug. 21: 12 noon – DG Bob Mackenzie Official Visit

Aug. 28: no meeting

Events:

Backpack packing - 10-noon
Broadway conference room

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Aug. 17: 9 am Garden Weeding

Aug. 21: Backpack Distribution at Dover Housing, 2:30 pm

Sept. 11: Putt Putt Event, 5 pm

Oct. 2: DMHA Putting Event, 5 pm

Pledge: Phil R.

4-Way Test: Kevin Q.

Guests: Bjorn S. (soon to be new member) and Rotarian Seneca Bernard

*Today's newsletter authored
by Cathy B.*

Is more expansion planned? Yes, the back of the current building is not yet finished and would like to open a public clinic space in the next 5 years.

Are any animals not adopted? Very few, but they are a no-kill shelter. One dog, Molly, has been there for 5 years, but may be adopted soon. The average stay for an animal is 64 days.

Have more older animals been surrendered? No, people want to adopt animals in the 3–7-year range. Most are surrendered for housing reasons (landlord restrictions). Last month they had 92 adoptions, a record number!

Welcome, Seneca, to the Rotary Club of Dover!

Announcements:

Thank you notes were received from the Dover Public Library's Children's Room for sponsorship of the Summer Reading Program and from Hannah, a Rotary scholarship recipient who will be attending UNH.

Reminders: Next Wednesday, Aug. 14, no meeting. Social at Gregg and Liz Dowty's house at 5:30pm. They'll provide sliders. Guests asked to bring sides, apps, salads, desserts to share.

Sept. 11, 5pm, mini-golf tourney at Hilltop Fun Center. Not just for Rotary members, bring your own team to compete if you wish. Benefits Brendan M's Service Dogs charity.

Note from Brendan: Discounted tickets can be purchased here <https://servicedogsnh.org/fundraising-with-mini-golf-in-2024/> or see me (Brendan) at a meeting and I can take cash or a check made out to NHCSSD. Tickets are \$8.00 and \$4.00 from each ticket sold goes to The New Hampshire Coalition for the Support of Service Dogs! The tickets don't expire and can be used anytime and by anyone, so if you can't make it then, feel free to buy some for later, or buy some for your kids or grandkids! If you don't want tickets, but still want to donate, you can do that at <https://servicedogsnh.org/donate/> and again, see me (Brendan) at a meeting and I can take cash or a check made out to NHCSSD. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Dover for your support!

Tom News: Harry and Marion C. spoke with Barbara Dunnington about Tom's deteriorating health. Sandy T. then led us in a moment of silence for his recovery.

Back Packs: Kevin Q. explained the Back to School backpacks program which has a budget of \$15,000, not only for the packs but for gift cards that will be distributed by the DHA. We will meet at 10am on **Aug. 14** (regular space on Broadway) to assemble/fill the backpacks. On **Aug. 21** at 2:30pm we'll gather at the Housing Authority gym to host an ice cream social and pass out the backpacks to the students.

Garden: Kevin Q, Beth F. and Jim V. met with a garden consultant recently who will design a garden plan for the upper and lower gardens, featuring more perennials. They met with F&G Supervisor Mark Colonna who confirmed the city's watering system did cover the lower garden but not the upper. He will work to get the watering system working at the upper garden as well. The City cannot cover any masonry repairs; this will be a cost incumbent on our Club to repair the walls and the sinking stones.

Social Committee Update: Cathy B. and Noreen B. laid out a tentative Social schedule for 2nd Wednesdays (replacing noon meetings): **Aug. 14** at the Dowty's; **Sept. 11** at Hilltop Golf; **Oct. 9** an

historic walking tour of downtown Dover OR **October 11-12** a group tour of the cemetery with “Voices From the Cemetery” to benefit the Woodman Museum (TBD, but led by Cathy B. at either place); **Nov. 13** perhaps a movie for all; and **Dec. 11** perhaps a holiday concert. The 4th Wednesday of each month will be an ongoing service project: we’ll gather at our **regular time at the Bingo Hall in Rochester to count tickets together.**

Happy Bucks:

\$5 from **Cindy I.** for a wonderful family reunion.
\$1 from **Nick P.** for purchasing and renovating his new office building downtown.
\$1 from **Malcolm M.** for his kids’ visits home occurring simultaneously.
\$2 from **Doug L.** for Laurie’s new hearing aids.
\$1 from **Jim V.** for Carlo’s excellent blood test results.
\$5 from **Bjorn S.** for acceptance into a new drug trial for his leukemia.
\$1 from **Dave B.** for vacation in Kennebunkport.
\$1 from **Noreen B.** for Kevin’ Q.’s myriad talents!
\$1 from **Harry C.** for being here and well wishes for Tom and Barb D.

50/50 Drawing: Pot \$646. Drawing won by Cindy I. who drew the Jack of diamonds. Pot grows!

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
Jonathan N. 2 years
Michael D. 2 years
Brendan M. 1 year
Ross A. 1year