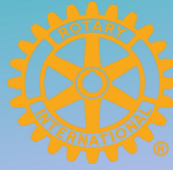


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August 17, 2026

President Rob G. welcomed all to the Rotary club of Dover, NH.
His poem this week was "The Power of One" by Asish Ram (a Rotarian)

Program: Classification Talks – Katie Soule and Ron Walton

Katie Soule wears several professional hats: She is Operations Director of the YMCA in Somersworth; the director of Social and Emotional Wellbeing for the Granite YMCA (9 locations), headquartered in Manchester; a Service Delivery Partner for the YMCA of the USA; and a Mental Health Thought Leader Cohort with the Y-USA. In her "human being" role, Katie likes to read, journal, and reflect. She enjoys planning family trips, hiking local trails and beaches with her husband and dog, and also painting, coloring, and puzzling. Her passion word is "hope!" for her work with young people and in the mental health arena. She spends time with her two younger siblings, enjoys live music, and Strawberry-Peanut Butter ice cream!

Link to Katie's slide show:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OW2s4P2xkeYqXG3SufLcGIhsRJ0xJ9ay/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=112926815066935021520&rtpof=true&sd=true

One word sums up **Ron Walton**: boats! He started boatbuilding in 1976 and hasn't stopped. From small wooden boats to a 160' wooden yacht, Ron has worked on the construction of 37 boats. With his wife of 16 years, Laurie McIntosh, they have established a non-profit foundation "Our Place NH" and are fundraising for an independent living home for adults with developmental disabilities.

Originally from Claremont NH, Ron previously lived in Connecticut and New Jersey and served in the US Navy. He is also a professional sign maker. He currently owns 7 boats and is a member of the Great Bay Yacht Club. Each year, he cruises the Maine coast from July 15 to August 15, so don't try and reach him during that time!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Sep. 2: DG official visit

Events:

Sep. 12: Mitten Making, 9 a.m.,
Broadway

Guests: Sam Tokuno, Angelina Cox,
Dannilynn Somers, Dana Somers

Pledge: Cindy I.

4-Way Test: Rod B.

Newsletter authored by Cathy B.

Student Presenters: Angie Cox and Dannilyn Somers

Angelina (Angie) Cox, a Rotary scholarship winner, is currently in her third year at Northeastern University in Boston. A DHS grad and Interact club president, Angie has just completed an internship at Brigham & Women's Hospital. She is a biology major (pre-med), a magazine editor and a member of Alpha Phi Omega, a community service fraternity at college. This fall she will be a T.A. for a general biology course at Northeastern. In her spare time, Angie likes to hike, play tennis, and read. She thanked Rotary for helping financially with her education and also for instilling her with her core community service values.

Dannilynn Somers benefited from Rotary's sponsorship of her attendance at RYLA this summer and also the HOBY World Leadership Congress in Washington DC. Danni enjoyed both experiences, saying they helped her develop both leadership and collaboration skills. With 250 other students from around the US at HOBY, Danni felt a sense of community, acceptance, and accomplishment she'd never before experienced. She is grateful to Dover Rotary for sponsoring her at both of these life-changing events.

Announcements:

Bylaws:

President Rob announced that new Club Bylaws were approved by the Board this week. Thank you to Noreen B., Malcolm M., and Marion C. for all their hard work completing this revision. The draft will be sent to all members and will be voted on at the September 2 meeting.

Donation to DHA:

\$7500 will be donated to the Dover Housing Authority (Exec. Director Dian Maruca) to be distributed, as needed throughout the year, to 328 eligible children at Whittier Falls Housing. This is the second year the program has run this way, replacing the backpack distribution done in earlier years.

Mitten Making:

Jim M. announced the next mitten-making session, with Abby Lamothe from Seacoast Sweet Stitches, will take place from 9-12 on Saturday, September 12 at 121 Broadway. Felted mittens will be cut out and sewn for distribution by Abby's organization during cold weather. This is a quarterly project for our club. Please join and bring a friend!

Finance update:

Gregg D. informed the club that ca. \$6000 in accounting fees will be saved this year because member Becky Crowley (a CPA) has offered to do the club's bookkeeping. Thank you, Becky!

Bingo: Gregg encouraged new members to visit the Bingo Hall at Lilac Casino in Rochester on any Thursday night to view our operations there. New volunteers are always welcome.

Rotary gardens: Gregg D. and Noreen B. added that soon we'll be back at Rotary Gardens, planting mums! Stay tuned!

Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC) request for drivers:

Jay S. passed along DALC's request, not for money, but for volunteer drivers. DALC has acquired a van, and folks are needed to pick up area students and transport them to DALC for classes. Or to drive them home after class. Please contact Deanna Strand at the Dover Adult Learning Center if you can help. d.strand@doveradultlearning.org.

Happy Bucks:

- **Jay S.** for his 2nd grandchild attending VT, and his wife's birthday
- **Gregg D.** for his twin grandsons going to high school and for Liz's good care at WDH

- **Beth F.** for Rotary presence at Cochecho Arts Festival and for Rob's speech that night
- **Nick K.** is happy to be here.
- **Jennifer M.** thanks our speakers
- **Guest Sam T.** is also happy to be here
- **Ron W.** is grateful to have joined Rotary
- **Pati F-W** is delighted her son will be teaching 4th grade this fall
- **Harry C.** is happy to hear from the scholars today
- **Noreen B.** also enjoyed the speakers
- **Phil R.** is happy to see the speakers again (Interact alumna)
- **Doug L.** is happy to see his grandson rehabbing an old boat and motor
- **Malcolm M.** liked today's speakers as well as \$1 for Gregg
- **Cindi I.** loves hearing classification talks and also seeing Angie and Danni again
- **Kathy F.** is happy to be back after time in Maine at a performing arts camp and grateful for her father's good care at Riverwoods Rehab.

50/50 Raffle: Pot \$244-- Drawing won by Pam S. (second time in a row!) who drew the lowly 3 hearts. (Maybe third time's the charm?) Pot grows!

August Birthdays:

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

August Anniversaries:

Nancy B. 33 years
Melissa L. 19 years