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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

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August 20, 2025 – Broadway

President Cathy B. welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover meeting and offered thanks to Harry C for picking up lunch and to Cate R for authoring Bing.

Check Presentation:

Cathy presented Kenna Johnston, on behalf of the Dover Parents Music Club, a check for \$500. This check will be used to underwrite some costs associated with the DHS annual Band Show being held this year on October 18. Kenna thanked the club for this, and our past support, and reported this may be one of the biggest event ever. She encouraged all to attend – even if only for part of the show.

Program: Guest Speaker: PDG Elias Thomas

Elias, Past District Governor (2000/2001), shared a story of coming to our club dressed as a homeless person to see what our club would do. He said that as he was passed, he was treated kindly by some and not so by others. Ultimately, he was invited in by Dave Slater to share a meal.

Elias focused his remarks on his travels to India, initially in support of global Polio immunization in January 2001. He returned to India for immunization again in 2003 and 2004 and then led a delegation of 48 people in 2004 to support work being done at a surgery site for those who had suffered with polio. They determined that the waiting list of 1000 people could be cleared by raising \$40,000 which they set out to do – and did so in 15 minutes! The backlog was cleared in 2 years.

In 2010 he was in India again to work on a water catchment dam. They are now in the process of building the 16th dam. Elias shared a brief video showing the building and completion of a recent dam. When Rotarians arrive, they work for 4 – 5 days and then the project is completed by local volunteers in the next 2 ½ to 3 months. He said we do not do it all, “We’re the inspiration.”

Elias shared that with the dams in place, local residents can move from growing one crop per year to three. This means the first crop feeds the family, the second feeds livestock, and the third can be sold.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Sept. 3: Meeting – Broadway, program - Coast Bus Line

Sept. 17 – Meeting – Broadway, Club Assembly

Events:

Sep. 17: Social - Gundalow Trip: 3:30 p.m., for tickets visit:

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/gundalow/items/56754/availability/1785769399/book/?full-items=yes>

Guests: Kenna Johnston, Dover Parents Music Club
And Angelina Cox, 4-year Rotary scholarship recipient

Visting Rotarian and Speaker:

Elias Thomas of Sanford/Springvale Club

Pledge: Cathy B.

4-Way Test: Rod B.

Today's newsletter authored by Cate R.

Elias shared a few personal impact stories and then asked the club for a donation to support the \$20,000 goal for District 7780. Our international committee had met and approved a \$1500.00 donation. Team size for these projects has varied from 4 to 78 Rotarians with approximately 100 local people. There is an opportunity for anyone interested in joining the next trip. Noteworthy is that there has never been a breach of any dam they have built.

Guest Speaker: Angelina Cox

Angie, last year's recipient of the DeColfmaker Scholarship, shared that she has just completed her first year at Northeastern University and she loves it! She is on the pre-med track with a major in Cellular & Molecular Biology and a minor in Neuroscience. She is working with a group that is studying the plaque that causes Alzheimer's Disease and volunteering with a club she joined. She also completed her EMT training and had her first ambulance ride-along which was cool and exciting. She thanked our club for the scholarship and the difference it has made for her.

New Member Induction: Kathleen Dillon

Steve P. welcomed Kathleen Dillon to our club and President Cathy pinned her. Kathleen was a Rotary Exchange student to Colombia many years ago so has come full circle. Welcome to the Club, Kathleen!

Rotary Moment: Marion C

Marion recently had the opportunity to travel to Cancun to scout out locations for the 2026 Zone conference. This conference has grown from an anticipated 250 people to an anticipated 1000 attendees by combining two Zones and adding 14 additional nations to the invite list! Marion shared that there is much poverty outside the hotel area and that the average hotel worker makes only \$300 per month. She shared that culturally, there is not a lot of respect to women but through perseverance and listening she was able to create mutual respect. The September 2026 conference will offer opportunities for fellowship, hands on projects and a chance to make a local impact.

Announcements:

Cathy's book recommendation: *Habits of a Peace Maker: 10 Habits to Change Our Potentially Toxic Conversations into Healthy Dialogues* by Steven T. Collis

District Grant: We received our check for \$3969 to fund the grant to install HVAC at the End 68 Hours of Hunger Building – be on the lookout for a hands-on opportunity to pack meals

Gundalow Adventure: Still time to register for the Gundalow adventure on September 17. The trip runs from 3:30 – 6:30 and departs from Prescott Park

Mitten Project: Your next chance to participate in mitten making with Seacoast Sweet Stitches will be Saturday, September 20 from 9:00 – 11:00. No sewing skill needed. Held at our regular meeting location.

PR Committee: Beth F shared an update from the PR & Marketing Committee. Lots of work is being done and more hands are needed. Please reach out to Beth to see how you might be able to lend a hand.

Bingo: Bingo will be moving to a new – and perhaps temporary – location in September. More info to come.

Happy Bucks:

- Noreen B. for having a sweet dog near her at the meeting
- Jonny N. for his 1-month anniversary (congrats!)
- Marion C. for Rotary in other nations
- Harry C. for learning about India
- Nancy B. for hearing Elias's story and being reminder about what Rotary is all about
- Cate R. for being with everyone after a while away
- Phil R. for Elias and greetings from former member Bob Lapointe
- Cindy I. for time with family, for Elias, for Angie and to welcome Kathleen
- Beth F. to welcome Kathleen
- Kathleen D. for joining the club and hearing about its impacts
- Steve P. for Kathleen, Angie and to the start of a new school year
- Nick P. for assuring his son that he is not in a cult, despite the fact that we recite the 4-way test
- Angie for seeing everyone and being reassured that we are all here in Dover doing good works

50/50: Kathy F had the ticket but pulled the 8 of Clubs, not the Queen of Clubs – the \$103 pot grows!

August Birthdays:

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

August Anniversaries:

Noreen B. 37 years
Nancy B. 32 years
Melissa L. 18 years