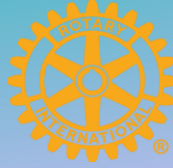


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Newsletter

Rotary
Dover, NH
Doing good in **Dover** ... and the World!



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IMPACT**

Aug 5, 2026

President Rob G. welcomed all to the Rotary club of Dover, NH.
His poem this week was by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

(Note: The Aug. 5 Membership Information meeting has been rescheduled to Oct. 7 at noon)

Program: Thea Soucy – Scholarship Recipient



Thea received Rotary's 2025 Memorial Scholarship. She was an Interact student at DHS, an experience that led her to an attitude of "giving back." Enrolled at UNH last year, she has just declared her major in electrical engineering with a biomedical focus.

Thea loves to work behind the scenes. The scholarship has been very helpful, particularly to start without knowing what she wanted to be, she has figured out a great deal. She wanted to be part of Rotaract at UNH, but meetings conflicted with lab and class times. Hopes to be able to get more involved this coming year. She will also be an RA this coming

year. Thea values her Interact experience that helped her learn how to balance life and understand the importance of giving back.

Announcements:

Succession Planning

Rob has been struggling to find someone to become president next year. Beth has stepped forward, but not alone. Rob will stay on as co-president. Beth has offered to be President-elect this year.

MOTION – Act on nomination of Beth as President-elect. Passed unanimously.

Bylaws draft - Malcom and Noreen

Includes co-president position and other refinements and will be reviewed and, hopefully, accepted, by the Board at the next meeting.

District grant submitted for AED machines, here and several with Strafford County Sheriff's Department. Number of followers on our club's Instagram has doubled.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Aug. 19: New member talks

Sep. 2: DG official visit

Events:

Aug. 14:

Rotary Night at Cochecho Arts Festival, 5 p.m.

Aug. 18: BOD, 12:30, Broadway

Guests: Kyle (neighbor of Cheney's) and Thea Soucy

Pledge: Dave C.

4-Way Test: Alicia C.

Newsletter authored by Jim V.

Presentations: - Paul Harris Awards



Harry C., Nancy B. and Ram R. & Gregg D.



Harry C., Nancy B. and Ram R.

Paul Harris, 1869-1947, founded Rotary in 1905 – called Rotary because small number of members rotated from office to office. Grew quickly to expand in the U.S. and worldwide.

Fellows – Established in 1957 to recognize people who have contributed a total of \$1,000. Additional recognition each time an additional \$1,000 has been contributed. Recognition is the presentation of a special pin.

Awardees recognized today: Pins attached by Nancy B.

Ram R. – Paul Harris +1

Gregg D. – Paul Harris +8

Paul Harris Society – The group of people who have contributed funds to Rotary Foundation.

The club accumulates points to recognize other folks or businesses. We have accumulated 1,700+ points. We have awards pending for Janetos and Red's Shoe Barn.

International Connections: Marion C.

Our Rotary sponsored cow was delivered to the village in India; it came with a calf. Both doing well.

Cataract surgery unit is up and running, 30% more people can be served with the \$1,000 our club contributed and the matching \$1,000 contributed by Marion and Harry. This was one of three global grants to India.

Support of the Lake Chapala Rotary club in Mexico: Gregg D.

Kid's kitchen, which we helped fund now feeds over 300 kids/day.

Kid's clinic also funded \$5,000 from our club. Rotary involvement enabled the opening of a clinic that was built by a for-profit organization that never opened it. Staffed by the Mexican government.

Grants: Kendra L.

Grant requests we are developing, larger banks:

TD Bank

Bangor Savings Bank

Smaller banks in the works.

PR Committee: Beth F.

Meeting today – thanks to Gary, Rod, Alicia for attending National Night Out last night; it was a learning experience – Beth and Noreen showed the new table scarf with our logo.

Melissa L. has agreed to take on "Linkage Project" – to have recipients post photos on their social meeting.

Business/Organization Membership Initiative - info will be up on website soon.

August 14 – last night of Cochecho Arts – Rotarians needed to sell tickets, work the table.

Apple Harvest Day – will approach Cindy I. on sharing the face-painting table with Interact

Festival of Trees – Signup Genius for people to take a shift at the tree to talk with folks about joining Rotary.

Community Giving: Jay S.

4 requests received in the last week of June. 4 also came in July. So, we have 8 requests that total \$15,000; budget is \$13,000. The committee will review each request. One request was not for money, rather for volunteers, from Dover Adult Learning Center – more to come.

Happy Bucks:

Jim V. – for BINGO sub, 4-6 for next week

Jim M. - \$50, anniversary trip, daughter 4th and final chemo session, Kittery Art Assn. includes 2 of his pieces, show opening this week; people here in the 80s may remember milk carton ideal weights which he achieved this week. Congrats Jim!

Marion C. – Co-chairing convention in Mexico, almost 1,000 signed up.

Cate R. – for husband's birthday

Kendra L. – 10 days in CA to meet tenth nephew

Harry C. – for scholarship talk today, trip to Montana for fishing with Marion (she caught more fish)

Jay S. – leaving tomorrow to help son fix up condo he'd bought for his kids at VA Tech also hopeful bucks that Dover's detours will one day go away.

Malcolm M. - \$1 for WDH and \$4 for his stay at WDH

Phil R. - good to see Thea again.

50/50 Raffle:

Thea pulled ticket, Pam won, Cate picked card for her, looking for Queen of Clubs. Wrong card. Pot grows!