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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

August 6, 2025 – Broadway

President Cathy B. welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover meeting.

Program: District 7780 – DG Emma Bodwell

Assistant Governor Gary Branyon introduced our guest speaker District 7780 District Governor Emma Bodwell. Emma thanked Dover Rotary and our members for everything we do for Rotary and our community. She specifically mentioned our many projects and the support we provide for our youth through RYLA and Interact.

Emma presented “Ten Sparks” to remind us of the reason we all belong to Rotary and why we provide “Service Above Self”.

- 1) **Unite for Good:** This explains why we are here. She relayed Mario Cesar Martin’s message at the annual convention that we unite to multiply our impact. She also explained due to Mario having to step down, Francesco Arezzo of the Rotary club of Ragusa, Italy has stepped up to serve as RI President for 2025-26.
- 2) **Power of Rotary:** Emma relayed a story demonstrating the power of connections. A Columbian exchange student became stranded at Miami Airport. After a series of phone calls between Rhode Island, Maine, Columbia, and Florida, the student was picked up at the airport and provided a Rotary home for the evening.
- 3) **My Family:** Rotary service, networking and the Rotary family make the world a better place. For over 25 years, Emma has connected with “family” around the world through numerous projects.
- 4) **Stories We Tell:** Emma urged us to tell our stories boldly. Each story is a seed, and we should say who we are, what we do, and why Rotary matters.
- 5) **Engagement Tracker:** Collaborate with other clubs and try something new. Keep track of our engagement and connections with other clubs.
- 6) **District Governor Initiative Fund:** In support of new members, seed money will be provided to a new member toward a District or Global Grant who proposes a unique and new venture for their club.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Aug. 20: Meeting – Broadway, PDG Elias Thomas on travels to India and humanitarian programs

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

Sept. 17 – Meeting – Broadway, Club Assembly

Events:

Aug. 13: Social – Gregg D’s, 5 p.m.

Aug. 19: BOD meeting at Broadway, 12:30

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:

Ryan Crosby, Dover Housing Authority; Becky Crowley, Beth Marques, Vasco Marques, guests of Cathy B.; Violet and Lucas Pellman, guests of Nick P.; Steve Bargdill, guest of Bjorn S. and Pam Simpson, guest of Beth F.

Visiting Rotarians: District Governor Emma Bodwell, Bridgeton Lake Region Rotary Club and Assistant District Governor Gary Branyon, Rochester Rotary Club

Pledge: Cathy B.

- 7) **Membership:** Enrich the experience. New members need to feel needed and wanted. Connections are important. Consider starting a satellite club, an e-club or a fall membership event.
- 8) **Power of Belonging:** Celebrating milestones (birthdays, anniversaries, accomplishments) and nurturing belonging demonstrates love in action.
- 9) **Have Fun:** Include hidden prizes, contests, fun events and build them into your calendar.
- 10) **Let's Unite:** Rotary is a place for purpose, people, and possibilities! Collaborate beyond your club and serve Rotary!

A secret of Rotary is that stepping up to Rotary at the District level opens doors to new people, experiences and opportunities. Consider building new connections and taking on a leadership role. Rotary provides free leadership training so lead through service.

Presentation: Ryan Crosby, Executive Director of Dover Housing Authority, received a check for \$7500 to use to support the needs of children who will be returning to school soon. This represents a change in our former Back-To-School Project. We now support this effort through our Child Enrichment Program. Ryan explained that the flexibility of this donation gives them the ability to meet essential needs of children and families as they prepare for the new school year. Ryan thanked Dover Rotary for everything we do to support the community.

Sergeant -At-Arms: Jay S. filled in for Cate R. this week and shared his "Book of Fines" he had maintained from his year as Sergeant-at-Arms. He then proceeded to fine everyone who had not kept a raffle coupon from previous meetings. He also announced this month's birthdays and anniversaries.

Thank you Notes: we have received notes from Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, for the summer meals support and Dover High School Latin Club in support of their field trip.

Announcements:

Cathy's book recommendation: Cathy shared the book "Another World is Possible; lessons for America from Around the Globe". Cathy said the author explores how other countries have successfully addressed social issues we may learn from as we tackle the issues which we confront in the United States.

Joe Parks Garden sculpture dedication - August 11th at 5:00 PM.

Picnic on the Patio at Gregg and Liz Dowty home, 31 Bittersweet Lane, South Berwick, August 13th, 5:30 -7:30 PM. Sliders, pasta salad and beverages provided. Please bring apps and desserts to share.

Voices From Ukraine Concert, August 20th 7:00 PM, St. Georges Episcopal Church, York Harbor Maine.

Thomas Leighton Rochester Rotary Sunset Acoustic Harbor Cruise, August 31st, 5:50 PM. Contact Tracey Hardekopf at Rochester Rotary.

Gundalow Cruise, September 17th Dover Rotary social event, 3:30 p.m., for tickets visit:

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District Grant: Melissa L. announced we have received a District Grant to help us install a Mini-split system for End 68 Hours of Hunger's Dover packing location at St. John's Methodist Church. This will provide heat and air-conditioning for those of us who will be helping pack food for the program. More information will be forthcoming as we approach the start of the school year.

Happy Bucks:

Nick P. for Lucas and Violet joining him today. Lucas happy for a new bike, and Violet for Camp Foster. Thank You to Melissa for spearheading Mini-Split project.

Becky Crowley for invite to attend and opportunity to learn about Rotary.

Noreen B. for Ryan and Dover Housing and having been able to hire him.

Malcom M. for Emma and her upcoming year.

Rod B. for his wife Audrey

Emma B. for opportunity to visit Dover.

Gary B. for learning about all the good things Dover Rotary is doing, and daughter's promotion to Lt. Col. In the US Space Command.

Frank C. for nephew and son soon to visit New England as guest judges.

Jay S. for another opportunity to be Sergeant-At-Arms

Cathy B. for Emma and Gary's visit.

Raffle: Rod B. drew the chance to draw the winner. No luck!

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