

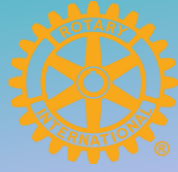
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY

Dec. 4, 2024 – In-person at Stella’s Cafe

President Harry C. welcomed all to the December 4 Annual Meeting of the Dover Rotary Club at Stella’s Cafe. Harry thanked Megan K. for baking the delicious cake to celebrate members’ December birthdays.

Board and Officer Elections

Harry C. passed out ballots for Board and Officer elections for 2025-26. Elected unanimously were officers: Cathy Beaudoin (President elect), Gregg Dowty (Treasurer), Marion Cheney (Secretary), Harry Cheney (Past President), and Simon Verkaik (Present Elect).
and Directors: Cindy Imbro, Beth Fischer, Steve Pappajohn, Jay Stephens, Nick Pellman, and Phil Rinaldi.

Harry thanked everyone for serving!

Program: Classification - Jonathan Newcombe

Jonathan (nickname Johnny or Johnny Rocket!) explained that he is a survivor of two traumatic brain injuries, the first in 1986 when he was 14 years old and was hit by a car while riding his bicycle; the second in 2014 after a severe reaction to a drug he was taking for pain management.

He credits his survival to informing his life’s mission: to serve, to enlighten, and to encourage individuals and families dealing with TBIs. He serves as a resource for questions on TBI and noted that the person you become after TBI is not the person you were before the injury. Jonathan has given a lecture at Dartmouth about his personal experience with neurological issues and has worked as an orderly in rehab facilities in Newington and in Portsmouth (Krempels Center) with TBI patients.

He got his degree in engineering, became a body builder, but found his true calling in working as a professional pet sitter and dog walker for twenty years. He believes that his memory,

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Dec. 18: Catered lunch at Broadway venue 12:15-1:30 \$20.00 - Program Sam Klemarczyk will be giving his classification talk and there will be a holiday program. ZOOM OPTION

Dec. 25: NO MEETING Happy Holidays

Jan. 1: NO MEETING Happy New Year

Jan. 8: Catered lunch at Broadway venue 12:15-1:30 \$20.00 - MAYHEW SPEAKER

Jan. 15: Catered lunch at Broadway venue 12:15-1:30 \$20.00 - Invite a guest/potential new member – no cost to guests.

Events:

Dec. 8: 11am Christmas Gift sorting w/Dover FD at 1 Washington St.

Dec. 14: Garrison Players Art Center – 4 pm - “A Child’s Christmas in Wales”.

Dec. 17: Board Meeting Dover Chamber 12:30-2:00

Pledge: Harry C.

4-Way Test: Marion C.

Guests: Kathann Potvin, Shelley Hartz, Rick Sugam, and past member Yulia Rothenberg.

*Today’s newsletter authored
by Cathy B.*

comprehension and sensory issues have made him more compassionate and empathetic in helping others to build a life after TBI. Jonathan is very happy to join us in service to the community. Questions followed about his injuries and recovery in two instances (balance, migraines, reading comprehension, chronic pain), his companion dog Shelby, his version of clapping which involves arm movement and finger-waving (instead of loud applause), the impact on his education in middle and high school, and how he discovered Rotary (he'd had 3 invitations!). Welcome, Jonathan!

Announcements

Bingo: Ken P. reported the new Team schedule has been sent out so all can plan ahead. Gregg D. reported that Sept/Oct bingo profits totaled \$56,508.53. That is \$13,627.13 per club.

Harry Asked for volunteers to help the Dover Fire Department sort toys on Sunday, December 8 at 11am at the Washington Street Mill. The DFD provides jackets for elementary-aged students. Suggestion to use credit at Ocean State Job Lots for High School and Middle School students needing jackets. Also, Kids' Closet can provide assistance too.

Visioning: Set for February 12, 2025 from 5-9pm at Broadway facility. Each member will be receiving a questionnaire ahead of time.

Foundation Chair Jim M. presented a Paul Harris +3 award to President Harry C. for his continued support of the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations!

Social Committee: Saturday, Dec. 14, 4pm matinee performance of "A Child's Christmas in Wales" at Garrison Players in Rollinsford. 4pm. Dinner to follow at Strafford Farms in Dover. If you will join us for dinner, please RSVP to Beth F. by Dec. 11: Fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com. Buy your tickets online soon!

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Social Committee to meet soon to firm up 2025 calendar but save the date for February 15's "Love and Chocolate" concert at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, with two musical groups led by Kathy F.

International Committee will meet soon, Gregg D. reports, as the International Sponsor of the Kids' Kitchens project in Mexico has withdrawn. This is a \$35,000 Global Grant.

Festival of Trees is Friday night, December 6 from 4-8pm at Rivermill. Rotary tree to be decorated that morning. (Update: Rotary tree "Homespun Christmas" sold at silent auction for \$220.)

Gregg D. announced that Rotary's 10 charity days at the Dover Casino will be January 11—20, 2025. Gregg has \$10 Free Play coupons to distribute if anyone would like one.

Thank you notes were received from St. Thomas Moore Parish in Durham for Dover rotary's donation to their Thanksgiving turkey project. Also, thanks from RI for our club's \$5,000 donation to the victims of Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

Cate R. then entertained members with six Grinch trivia questions. Sadly, few of us were Grinch experts.

Happy Bucks:

Happy bucks were very plentiful this week, with 20 people contributing happiness:

Cate R. for Jim M's new knitting skills as exhibited in his newly made scarf

Ken P. for a successful procedure at MGH in Boston. His recovery is ahead of schedule!

Doug L. for Johnny's talk and an upcoming trip to San Diego

Nick P. for cultivating a great ticket seller in Bjorn S.

Malcolm M. for seeing the grandkids in Philadelphia

Cindy I. for Johnny's talk, for Thanksgiving with mom and sister and a trip to the Dover Casino, and her sister joining her local Rotary club

Jim V. for spending some quality time with his granddaughter, a student at UConn, during Thanksgiving, and for Johnny's talk, and for his guests', Shelley and Rick, attendance

Nancy B. for Johnny's talk and celebrating her 16th birthday

Yulia R. for the cordial welcome back to Rotary

Jim M. for Cate R's knitting instructions and for bringing Thanksgiving dinner to his daughter's house

Megan K. for Pennsylvania Thanksgiving visit and seeing "Wicked"

Kathy F. for Thanksgiving musical jam session with family, for Johnny's talk, for Julia's return, and for Community Thanksgiving event at Roost where 800 meals were prepared

Gregg D. in appreciation of all our members for everything you do, for Johnny's talk, and for being on the last day of applying dermatological face cream

Bjorn S. for Johnny's talk and a lovely Thanksgiving

Phil R. for Thanksgiving in Virginia and a somewhat calamitous trip home

Noreen B. for the Day after Thanksgiving

Marion C. for her and Harry's trip to Paris and Normandy, for Johnny's talk, for Yulia's return, for Ken's P.'s return to action, and for the 2025-26 Board

Harry C. for Johnny's talk and for the guests who attended today

Frank C. for Johnny's talk and for family visiting on Thanksgiving

Shelley H. for inviting her and Rick to our meeting

50/50 Drawing: Pot \$891. Cindy I. drew the 9 of Clubs. Pot grows! 17 cards left!

December Birthdays:

Nancy B. Dec. 11

Jerry D. Dec. 29

Cathy B. Dec. 30

No December Anniversaries