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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

December 3, 2025 – Broadway and Zoom

President Cathy welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, NH.

Honoring Bob Richard

Gregg D. asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of long-time and much-loved Bob Richard who passed this week. Condolence cards can be sent to Ron Richard at 199 West High St. Somersworth, NH 03878.

Cathy's Book Recommendation: [Booster Shots: The Urgent Lessons of Measles and the Uncertain Future of Children's Health](#) by Adam Ratne

Program: Presentation by Freddy Patrone of I Got Bridged (Joined by IGB Board member Joy Morin)

Freddy gave an energetic presentation about his journey from addiction to founding I Got Bridged (IGB) that began with a brief video (watch video at: <https://youtu.be/-Fvpn9QMvi8>). The mission of IGB is "We bridge the gap for people in need on the seacoast"



Freddy shared that he was an addicted person and lost his vision in 2018 at the age of 45 due to a rare genetic disease. He counts losing his vision among his blessings and has focused on helping others as part of his ongoing recovery. In addition to founding IGB, he was part of founding the Recovery Church in Portsmouth.

Freddy shared many funny stories. When he first began I Got Bridged, he reached out to all of his former employers (who had fired him) to ask for sponsorship for a walkathon. He later reached out to them to underwrite the cost of their first "Bridgemobile". All of his previous employers are now sponsors of his organization.

Among the many services that IGB offers for free are 400+ meals per week, care packages (made up of essential items that may be useful to

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Dec 17: Board election and Holiday entertainment courtesy of Kathy F and Garrison Showstoppers

Events:

Dec. 12: DMS Student of the Month Award (Let Gregg D. know if you will be attending) – 12 noon

Dec. 13: Mitten Project, 9 – 11 a.m., Broadway – open to public
Plus Club Holiday meal at Strafford Farms – please RSVP to Cathy B – 11:30 a.m.

Dec 19: St John's Backpack packing at 8:00

Jan. 7: PR committee, 11 – 12, Broadway.

Guests: Kendra Lewis of UNH Cooperative Extension, Guest of Steve P. and Jennifer MacNeal, Guest of Cindy I

Pledge: Cathy B.

4-Way Test: Steve P.

Today's newsletter authored by Cate R.

those who are unhoused) donated to individuals and organizations, and transportation to medical appointments. Currently IGB has more than 200 volunteers, has given over 10,000 rides and over 20,000 meals. IGB is looking for Board members and volunteers. You can find out more at their website: www.igotbridged.com

Classification Talk by Fred Berren

Fred Berren gave our second excellent “FredTalk” today. His engaging presentation gave us information about his upbringing, the influences in his life, and his successful and satisfying 30-year career in safety. We heard how he met Steve “Pappy” Papajohn (he promises there are stories) and learned about his lovely wife and 4 adult children. Fred had an information-packed Power Point which is attached here.



Gift Presentations

Cate R. presented a number of “gifts” to various club members. These Rotary “treasures” were from Tom Dunnington’s office. She hopes that they will be enjoyed by all.

Board Thanks and Nominations

President-elect Rob G. thanked outgoing Board members Jay S., Harry C. and Phil R. He is nominating 3 new Board members: Michael S., Rod B. and Kathy F.

Anyone interested in serving on the 2026/2027 Board should reach out to Rob immediately.

Public Relations Update

Beth F. passed around thank you cards for Mike Joyal and Chris Parker for the work they did in supporting placement of the Rotary marker and getting confirmation for the updated signs on the Eversource and Dover poles (4 of each all approved).

Bingo Update

Ticket sales and attendance continue to be slow. Please continue to show up for your dates as scheduled. The multi-club Bingo Committee will be meeting on Dec 8.

Look for an announcement about our New Year’s Day game – it is likely to be a day game instead of in the evening.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, Dec. 5 at noon, decorating our tree at Rivermill Landing
- Saturday, Dec. 6 District 7780 will meet on from 12:00 – 3:00 at Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport to assemble warming bags
- Friday, Dec. 12 @ 12:00 DMS Student of the Month Award (Let Gregg D. know if you will be attending)
- Saturday, Dec. 13, Mitten making 9:00 – 11:00 at our regular meeting location (no sewing required)

- Saturday, Dec. 13 @ 11:30 Club Holiday meal at Strafford Farms – please RSVP to Cathy B.
- Wednesday, Dec. 17 Elect Board of Directors *Quorum required*
- Wednesday, Dec. 17, Holiday entertainment at our meeting courtesy of Kathy F. and Garrison Showstoppers
- Friday, Dec. 19 @ St John’s Backpack packing at 8:00
- Tuesday, Feb. 3, Senior Visit 3:00 – 4:00 at Riverside Rest Home

Happy Bucks:

This author got too caught up in all the happy remembrances of Bob Richard and forgot to write them all down. In addition to the happy bucks for Bob, many contributed on behalf of our speaker Freddy P. and our new member Fred Berren’s classification talk.

50/50: Pam Simpson had the lucky number but did not draw the Queen of Clubs. The pot grows and is over \$300!

November Birthdays:

Dan S. Nov. 11
 Maria A. Nov. 17
 Malcolm M. Nov. 25
 Nick P. Nov. 25

November anniversaries:

Frank C. 48 years
 Ram R. 45 years
 Norm H. 29 years
 Rod B. 7 years
 Yulia R. 7 years
 Kathy L. 7 years
 Maria A. 7 years