

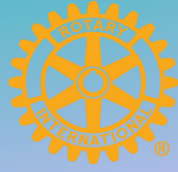
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



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OF ROTARY

Feb. 19, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

President Harry called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the Rotary of Dover, NH.

Thanks to: Steve P. for arranging today's luncheon and to Kathy F. for arranging many luncheons earlier this year.

Program: Rod Bryce Classification Talk:

Rod is returning to Dover Rotary after a time away. He began by recounting a visit many years ago with his dad, a Rotarian in the Belfast Ireland Club. As he recalled there were a lot of older men with gray hair at the meeting and now, he is one.

Rod was born in Northern Ireland in 1950 and graduated from high school and attended college there. He became an insurance salesman after graduation and spent his career in the insurance industry. While still in Ireland, living in Dublin, he met Audrey, his "beautiful" wife of 42 years and they had a son named Andrew.

In 1988, they entered the United States on a work visa, and he continued in the insurance industry. Rod recounted several stories of his travels and some of the challenges encountered during his travel days. During this time, they lived in Massachusetts and Maryland. After being laid off, they moved to Maine and Rod worked with Liberty Mutual for 27 years before retiring.

Rod found a home in Dover and enjoys being a member of the First Parish Church and helping with their social justice programs. He spoke of the food delivery efforts to those in need and the importance of that work in helping others less fortunate. Rod considers himself lucky that he has not had to face those issues but is thankful that he can help.

In answer to questions, Rod spoke of the "Troubles" in Northern Ireland and how it impacted life there during that period. Rod was introduced to Dover Rotary through Nancy B.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Mar. 5: Broadway, Seacoast United Way, Vickie Harris

Mar. 19: Broadway

Events:

Mar 3: Senior visit – Riverside, 2 pm

Mar. 5: Dictionary distribution: Francis Hopkins School on March 5th at 9:15 am

Mar. 6-8th NEPELS Framingham, MA

Mar. 7: Dictionary distribution: Woodman Park, 10 am.

Mar. 12: Food Packing, 12 – 7 pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Mar. 18: BOD, Dover Chamber, 12:30 pm

Mar. 25: Together on Tuesday, Office Lounge, Third St Dover, 6PM

Mar. 29: International Committee Zoom, 9:30 – 11 am

Apr. 5: District Learning Assembly, 8 am – 2 pm, Westbrook High School

Apr. 8: Senior visit, Covered Bridge, 2 pm

Pledge: Bjorn S.

4-Way test: Melissa L.

Guests: Amy Perry, guest of Kathy F.

Today's newsletter authored by Gregg D.

Announcements:

Visioning: President Harry reported the Visioning workshop went well and provided a lot of ideas for the future. Steve P. and Cate R. will be spearheading the initiative and will report on the process in the near future.

Finances: A question was raised regarding Happy Bucks and Fines and how the money collected was used. The money is deposited in our operations account and is credited to the bottom line. At present, our dues do not cover club expenses, so the money collected goes against the bottom line.

Gregg D. provided an update on club finances. As of 1/31/25, we have a balance of \$335,259 in our accounts. Bingo revenue continues to run ahead of projections, and we anticipate annual revenue for Dover Rotary totaling in excess of \$105,000.

Membership: We have several new applications for consideration and will be holding another membership meeting in the spring.

Rotary Gardens: We need a new chair for our Garden Committee. Noreen B. and other members are ready to attend, but we need someone to take the lead this coming spring. Please let President Harry know if you are willing to chair the committee. There are many who will help.

Meal Packing: Kathy F. reported we will be packing meals on March 12th. Please sign up using Sign-Up Genius that has been emailed to the club. The link will be re-sent.

Dictionary Project: We are distributing dictionaries to 3rd Grade students again this year. Several Rotarians visited St. Mary's Academy last week and two other schools are scheduled. A team will visit Francis Hopkins School on March 5th at 9:15 am and another team will visit Woodman Park Elementary on March 7th at 10:00 AM. If you can join in, please contact Marion, and let her know if you can help.

Social Event: A "Together on Tuesday" is planned for 6:00 PM, March 25th at The Office Lounge on 3rd St. in Dover. This is a fun social event for Rotarians and spouses. Guests are welcome to join us.

Water Cooler: Nick P. announced he has arranged for a water cooler to be installed for our use, reducing the need for individual plastic bottles.



Revo presents check for \$48,118

Thanks to the REVO Casino in Dover, the Rotary Club of Dover was recently presented with a \$48,118 check. In the photo are Gregg Dowty, Treasurer Rotary Club of Dover, Brennan McCall, General Manager of Revo Casino, Dover and Harry Cheney, President, Rotary Club of Dover. The Rotary Club of Dover enthusiastically appreciates the REVO Casino of Dover for their support of Rotary and other area non-profits.

Rotary Foundation/EREY: Rotarians are encouraged to support the Rotary Foundation as this is a source of money that comes back to our District and then can be used for District Grants. Making donations is quite easy and can be done online through Rotary International at Rotary.org.

Donations can be made on a recurring basis or on a one-time basis. Providing a CC for recurring donations is easy to do. Keep in mind that donations to the Rotary Annual Fund come back to us for use in grants to which we can apply.

Rotary Grants: Anyone interested in developing a District Grant proposal should let President Harry know. We must have two club members take the grant training, we must submit an MOU by April 30th, and we must submit the grant by May 31st.

Thank You Notes: We have received thank you notes from My Breast Cancer Support, Dover High School Mental Health Reset Day, and the Dover Food Pantry.

Senior Visits: We will visit Riverside Rest Home on March 3rd at 2:00 Pm and hold a Bingo game with residents. We will also visit Covered Bridge Senior Center on April 8th at 2:00 PM. Please join in the fun.

Happy Bucks:

Jay S. for a 2-week cruise during which he missed three snowstorms and for his neighbor who did an amazing job clearing his driveway and walks. Happy to be home after more flight adventures.

Nancy B. for our Interact youth being recognized as Seacoast Students of the week.

Melissa L. for Interact youth who produced well cards which she purchased for her Dad.

Bjorn S. for "Just Because"

Jim V. for his vacation to Kiawah Island.

Kathy F. for her guest Amy and for a great concert last weekend.

Rod B. for an upcoming trip to Ireland.

Amy G. for the pleasure of attending today's meeting.

Marion C. for welcome to Amy

Nick P. for tacos today and to recognize Beth F. as Dover Citizen of the Year.

Malcolm M. for Beth F. recognition.

Harry C. for welcome to our guest and for Rod B. classification talk.

50/50 Raffle: Phil R. drew the chance to pick the King of Clubs from the deck to win \$1186. No luck! See you next time!

February birthdays:

Kathy L. Feb. 15

Simon V. Feb. 21

February anniversaries:

Naila Aslam 5 years