



Feb. 21, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy welcomed everyone to Dover Club of Dover, NH

Concert for Peace: Pres. Kathy reported the event was a great District success, netting over \$7,000 to support RI’s Peace Center in Turkey.

Program: Club Assembly

Bingo: More help is always needed. Several ideas were discussed, including team formation and team leaders and ways to improve the signup process. If members want to have a specific time per month, please let Cate or Ken know.

Poker Room: Phil R. presented a check from 5 days of Poker Room sponsorship for \$9,95.19. The club will have another 5 days this year from the Poker Room. Cathy B. also noted the Poker Room is looking for more non-profits to sponsor – let your groups know!

Shoe & Boot: Nick P. said the program with Red’s Shoe Barn was working well, averaging 4-5 vouchers used per month and very pleased with the significant discount the club receives from Red’s. *Nick is looking for a partner to serve on this committee – anyone interested!*

Finance: Nick P. noted we have plenty of money for projects. The Edward Jones account is in low risk investments and our money market account is earning 5%.

Milk & Egg Program: Cate R. said the program is on target with expenditures and similar to last year at this time. Janetos is also generous with their discount on charges.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

- Feb. 28:** Aging Crisis-NH Easter Seals
- Mar. 6:** Brian Nolan Ukraine
- Mar. 13:** Pope Memorial
- Mar. 19:** BOD Chamber 12:30-2
- Mar. 20:** Dover RESET
- Mar. 27:** Club Assembly

Events:

- Feb. 24:** Crutches 4 Africa
- Feb. 24:** International Café zoom 9:30-11 am
- Mar. 2:** Comedy Night Rochester Rotary Elks 6-9
- Mar. 7-9:** NEPETS Newton MA
- Mar. 19: Together on Tuesday,** Cinco's Cantina, 6-8 pm

Today’s newsletter authored by Noreen B.

Community Giving: Jay S. reported the club has provided \$7,300 in donations so far this year – 71% of the budget expended. They have had 15 requests – some include Garrison School, Middle School PTA and Step Up Parents.

Foundation: Jim M. said, so far this year, 18 members have contributed to the Foundation. Small weekly contributions are a way to donate as well. Jim also offered to use his Foundation points to help up to 4 members who have contributed at least \$750 to get to \$1,000 (\$250 in points each from Jim).

Homeless Project: Jim. M. said he had received a request from local food pantries for diapers and other personal products. Rather than purchasing and storing the items, he and Phil R. gave two food pantries \$250 each to purchase these items.

Interact: Phil R. reported the students will be joining Rotarians on Apr. 4 at Maple Suites for Bingo and to at help with the VNA's blood pressure clinic. 45 students are members of Interact at Dover High School.

Centennial Celebration – on May 24 at Cochecho Country Club: Marion C. said Malcolm M. and Thom D. are working on content, wine glasses have been ordered and other logo items may be available.

Literacy: Marion C. noted the recent distribution of thesauruses and dictionaries was a great success. Committee looking for a new co-chair after Dave D.'s passing. Please contact Marion.

Update on Tom D. Marion noted Tom has had some health issues recently and hopes to be back at meetings soon.

Kids Closet: Gregg D. reported the committee has spent \$12,500 of the \$20,000 budget so far this year and expects a request from teachers and the ACERT team in March for more snacks.

Student of the Month: Malcolm M. had just returned from the event at Dover Middle School and said he was very pleased to be there and noted the students were so well behaved and so grateful. He also suggested other Rotarians try to attend one of these “tremendous” events.

International: Gregg D. discussed some potential grant projects (our district supports 29 projects) and invited anyone interested in District activities to attend the International Café Zoom on Saturday at 9:30 am.

Poland Trip: Gregg D. will be one of 6 Rotarians on a trip to Poland to learn more about the needs of children displaced from their homes and families in the Ukraine.

Board report:

Meetings: Pres. Kathy said the board has discussed changing the meetings from every week to 2 meetings a month and 1 social or hands on meeting beginning in July with Harry C.'s presidency. An experimental meeting will take place at the Brunch Club (near the Police Dept.) in March. More info to come. Malcolm questioned why the change in meetings and Harry said after visiting multiple clubs, they reported attendance has improved when the meetings were reduced to one or two per month.

Meals Project: A tentative date has been set for May 4 for Rotarians and Dover Friendly Kitchen to assemble meal kits that will be distributed by Community Action over the next 2 years.

Happy Bucks:

Kathy F. \$3 for the Peace Concert

Brendan M. \$3 for his wheelchair lift, Chamber sweeps and just because.

Harry C. \$5 for a great Peace Concert – very professional – perfect – thank you Kathy F.

Jon N. \$10 for the museum's holiday light event and for upcoming Dover Days on Apr. 20 at the Museum.

Cindy I. \$5 for 3 days at the Mt. Washington and for her dear friend Tom D.

Cate R. \$4 for an amazing Peace Concert that was Perfect!, for officiating at her niece's wedding and for finding people of good moral character to support her effort to become a JP, for seeing Ute at the meeting and for Tom D. who she can't wait to irritate.

Ute L. \$20 for being away so long on trips to Germany, Ecuador, and the jungles of the Amazon, and for learning Spanish.

Jay S. for cruising through the Panama Canal.

Gregg D. \$5 for his upcoming trip to Poland, learning Polish, and for his new role as the next club treasurer – with gratitude for the many contributions from Donna R. and Phil R.

50/50 Raffle: Doug L. pulled the ticket but not the right card. \$203 pot grows!

February Birthdays:

Kathy L. Feb. 15

February Anniversaries:

Kristin S. 8 years

Naila A. 4 years