



**Feb. 28, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15**

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Dover, the only club with a District Gov and 2 AG’s!

**Program Speaker - Colin Chapman from Easterseals, NH**

*Colin Chapman brings almost two decades of experience in nonprofit and community engagement, having served in various capacities such as an HIV/AIDS Case Manager and intake coordinator at an inner-city alcohol and drug rehab center. After earning his Masters in Divinity from the historical General Theological Seminary in New York City, Colin dedicated himself to community service within the Episcopal Church, focusing on building communities, supporting those in need, and advocating for marginalized individuals. Colin remains committed to fostering positive change within the community, firmly believing that bringing the right people together at the right time is the key to meaningful and lasting transformation.*

In his role as Community Liaison at Easterseals, NH, Colin engages individuals, small groups, and communities, with the hope of inviting more people into the mission of Easterseals *to provide plans of care comprised of thoughtfully integrated services that help those with varied abilities, live, learn, work, and play throughout their lifetimes.* In this current season, his particular focus is the Home and Health Service program which strives to give the seniors of New Hampshire the freedom to age at home for as long as possible.

What is Easterseals doing? This past summer, they had the idea of engaging the community, in a grass roots and boots down effort, helping those in need. Through fundraising, they felt they could grow the programs within NH to help people where they live, learn, work, and play. Easterseals, NH, provides services for anyone no matter what part of their life, servicing both NH & VT and over 17,789 individuals from newborns to centenarians, with 19 program areas, including free and reduced priced services.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Meetings:

- 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:

- 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

- Pledge:** Harry C.
- 4-Way Test:** Malcolm M.

*Today’s newsletter authored by Melissa L.*

With a focus on New Hampshire, there are so many services available, including transportation services, senior services, home care services - allowing more seniors to be at home instead of going into nursing facilities. The current system does not always allow them to receive much needed services.

What does Easterseals, NH want for programs? One system, working together, allows for the system to work tightly and run. Their great Human Resource program ensures purposeful growth with 3 centers, including:

Franklin, NH - Easterseals NH Military & Veterans Campus

Rochester, NH - Affordable housing for seniors

Manchester, NH - Gammon Academy at Zachary Road

Programs available for those in need in the community include:

1. Early childhood services - Manchester area, includes childcare and autism services that coordinate in other areas throughout the state
2. Youth services - Vermont services with camping & recreation, for children with special needs (developmental and physical) held during the summer in the Lakes Region for residential and educational services. They also offer Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) programs for residents coping with alcohol and substance abuse - ages 5-21.
3. Senior Services - workforce development, including education, training, volunteering, employment in partnership with employers. Offers transportation services that include door to door transportation to services and appointments. Also includes an all- day program in Manchester. These services include assistance with laundry, cleaning.

Goals of these programs are to provide Information & referral - connecting NH residents with valuable information.

Room for growth - Easterseals is reaching out in the community to find individuals that want to “come out of retirement” with the satisfaction of making a difference and being in the workforce.

#### Questions:

Why is it called Easterseals?

In 1919, they sold stickers for envelopes around the Easter season.

What is the main goal of Easterseals in the Community?

Getting out to meet other similar organizations, mental health organizations, NAMI, etc.

## Announcements

**Diaper Drive for Hope on HAVEN Hill:** Karen Kulberg asked our club to participate in their effort to gather 20,000 diapers during the month of March. These diapers can be brought to our meetings in March, and she will collect and deliver them to Hope on Haven Hill.

**BOD Meeting Report:** The Board approved a sponsorship package with the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. Our Club has always sponsored separate events, and they request doing it as one big sponsorship. This would be included in President Elect, Harry's 2024/2025.

**Together on Tuesday - March 19 from 6-8 pm at Cinco's Cantina in Dover**

**Social Committee & Community Outreach- April 27** - partner with Don't Trash Dover and meet at the Dover Ice Area from 9:00am-10:30am .

**Children's Museum of New Hampshire Cider Flights - Sat., March 23** – tickets will be on sale soon and the food and cider provided by North Country Cider Company. Fundraiser for Children's Museum of New Hampshire. An adults only event.

[https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/cider-flights-tasty-bites?fbclid=IwAR0aLilxqqXnpLs7JUZUE\\_HWF9SBi4AkTQr\\_PNK3Ww4eq5eNGPV\\_GkPm89I](https://childrens-museum.org/things-to-do/events/cider-flights-tasty-bites?fbclid=IwAR0aLilxqqXnpLs7JUZUE_HWF9SBi4AkTQr_PNK3Ww4eq5eNGPV_GkPm89I)

## Happy Bucks:

**Brendan M.** - \$1 for coffee maker broke over the weekend

**Cate R.** - \$1 for Tom Dunnington is amazingly bright for someone that has a million diagnosis

**Gregg D.** - \$3 for 46 years ago daughter born, 12 years ago changed with twins

**50/50 Raffle Drawing** - Malcolm M. ticket picked, and he picked the 5 of clubs, no Winner!

**Water bottle drawing** - Brendan M. won an Easterseals water bottle

## February Birthdays:

Kathy L. Feb. 15

## February Anniversaries:

Kristin S. 8 years

Naila A. 4 years