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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

Feb. 4, 2026 - Broadway and Zoom

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

Cathy's Book Recommendation:

Our Father Who Art in an Iron Lung written by our guest speaker and Dover resident Doug Dodd

Auction! Cate R. conducted an auction of two gift items that had been given to the club. Ron R. was the lucky winner of both items.

Thank you: Thank you notes from Our Daily Bread and the NH Children's Museum for recent contributions.

Coffee Station Reminder: Kathy F. reminds everyone that the coffee station is a "pay as you go" offering and members are asked to make a contribution when enjoying coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

Program: Doug Dodd, Author - *Our Father Who Art in an Iron Lung*

Doug has been in the Dover area since the early 70's and was a 1974 graduate of UNH. He has built more than 100 units around Dover and has a 20-year history coaching the Mighty Seals, a Special Olympics swim team.

Before he spoke, Doug shared a photo of his dad and pointed out that even though he was in an iron lung, he always had a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face. His dad spent the last 21 years of his life in an iron lung but remained a positive influence on Doug and his three sisters.

Doug's dad contracted polio during a 1955 pandemic in eastern Massachusetts when his dad was 54 and Doug was 5 years old.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Feb. 18: Bob Carrier, Perry Plummer and David Terlemezian at REVO – Lunch \$10 - **reply to Marion C. if attending.**

Events:

Feb. 9: Non-profit Summit committee meeting, 4 p.m., Broadway

Feb. 9: Dist. Training, 6 p.m.

Feb. 10-19: Charitable Gaming Days at REVO

Feb. 14: International Café zoom 9:30 -11AM

Feb. 14: Valentine Concert, 3 p.m., St. Thomas Church

Feb. 17: BOD, 12:30 – 2 pm, Broadway

Feb. 20: End 68 Hours of Hunger food packing, 8 a.m.

Feb. 20: Fellowship at Sandy Hill Farm Light Show, 5:30 p.m. Let Gregg. D. know if plan to attend

Senior visits: - all 3-4 pm.

- Feb. 20, Langdon Place
- Mar. 13, Silver Squares

Guests: Doug Dodd, speaker

Pledge: Cathy B.

4-Way Test: Harry C.

Today's newsletter authored by Cate R.

The New England Journal of medicine said that his dad was one of the worst cases of polio of those who survived.

Doug shared a bit about his process for writing the book and read a chapter titled "This Car is an Ambulance" which contained both funny and harrowing accounts of moving his dad between home to hospital in the family car.

Doug offered copies of his book for sale and autograph.

Announcements:

- Beth F. gave a few updates from the PR committee including information about the eight new Rotary signs posted around Dover. There is some traction on possible money coming from the District or other local clubs on doing advertising on the Coast buses.
- Kathy F. previewed the wonderful new recruitment/informational video for Dover Rotary. Once all releases are obtained the video will go into final editing.
- Bingo: Gregg D. said bingo profit checks for October were distributed and Cate R. reported the Bingo Committee has discussed recent low attendance, the impact on profits and possible changes to our Bingo schedule. Look for more information soon.
- Jim M. noted we had another successful mitten making event! About 6 Rotarians and 15 community members attended and 42 pairs of mittens were made. Rob's son Kyle is a Rock Star!

Important upcoming dates:

- Feb. 9 @ 4:00 Non-profit summit committee meeting at 121 Broadway. All are welcome
- Feb. 9 @ 6:00 is District Grant Training. The club needs 2 members to take the training in order for our club to be eligible for a District Grant
- Feb. 10 – 19 Charitable Gaming Proceeds from REVO will go to Dover Rotary
- Feb. 14 @ 3:00 Concert at St Thomas Church (Per Kathy .F this is a great Valentine's date!)
- Feb. 18 – OUR MEETING WILL BE HELD AT REVO. PLEASE RSVP to MARION ASAP. We need to provide a count to the casino. Lunch will be \$10 at our usual time.
- Feb. 20 @ 8:00 Food packing for End 68 hours of hunger at St John's
- Feb. 20 @ 3:00 Senior Visit: Trivia at Langdon Place. We will be joined by the Interact Students. Please try to attend.
- Feb. 20 @ 5:30 Fellowship at Sandy Hill Farm. Please let Gregg D. know if you are going no later next week
- March 31 new Membership Event. This will be a breakfast meeting. More info to come
- April 25 is the next (tentative) date for mitten making

Happy Bucks:

- Cathy B.: Trip to Barbados and the Olympics starting this week so she can watch curling. She also mentioned that Phil is planning to take the whole club to Barbados next year but that may not pass the 4-way Test
- Jim V.: DALC recognition
- Rob G.: 1 year at his new job, his recent promotion and for being recruited to a pickleball team to beat some young folks. Go ROB!
- Yulia R.: Just because
- Doug L.: For our guest speaker
- Beth F.: For our guest speaker and our video
- Marion C.: For our guest speaker and for being off to India next week
- Gregg D.: For the great job Sheila did coordinating the coat drive at Tri-City Subaru (We have coats available for any child who needs on), for attending PELS in Massachusetts and for his grandson being recognized for Life Saving (What an amazing story!)
- Kathy F.: For our guest speaker and her annual family trip to New Jersey
- Nancy B.: \$5 Just because!
- Noreen B.: For Nancy being at our meeting
- Ron R.: For our guest speaker and for Nancy
- Melissa L.: For our guest speaker and for being a home owner in Florida
- Jim M.: For our guest speaker
- Malcolm M.: For our guest speaker
- Steve P: For our guest speaker
- Cate R: recent vacation and other things
- Jenn: For our guest speaker, for a work cruise and for her son completing army basic training
- Jay S: For our guest speaker and for his granddaughter being one of 7,000 accepted into Virginia Tech of the 58,000 applicants
- Kendra L.: For her oldest niece being recruited by Nike to play basketball

50/50: Harry C. had the ticket but pulled the 6 of Diamonds, not the Queen of Clubs – the \$107 pot grows!

February birthday:

Kathryn L. Feb. 15

February anniversary:

Naila A. 6 years