



Jan. 17, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy welcomed everyone to Dover Rotary.

Program: Club Assembly

Board report: Pres. Kathy began the assembly with a review of Board suggestions regarding meetings, locations and lunch ideas.

Meeting suggestions:

- Change weekly meeting to 2 meetings per month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
- Hold Together on Tuesday events on the 3rd week of the month
- Have a Hands-on service project on the months with a 5th Wednesday

Lunch suggestions:

Explore the possibility of lunches at local restaurants (perhaps one of the monthly meetings while still keeping homebase at our Broadway location).

Restaurant ideas:

- New Brunch Club
- Strafford Farms side room
- Sunrise Café on Dover Pt.
- Kelly’s Row
- Food truck

Service projects: Looking for ideas

Beth F. suggested working with Dover Doers or other such community group.

Contact Kathy F. with ideas/suggestions

Literacy Project: Dictionary distribution will be held at the Garrison school on Thurs., 11:15 a.m.

International: Gregg. D. noted the committee needs more members to be effective. The District currently has 29 global projects. He gave a few examples of global projects including an agriculture project in Columbia, a kitchen project to address kidney disease in Mexico and a literacy project in Uganda. If interested, please contact Gregg.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Jan 31: ACERT Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team and the Critical Incident Crisis Response Team of Dover PD. Lunch provided. Bring a dessert!!!

Events:

Jan. 18: Garrison School dictionary distribution – **11:15 pm**

Jan. 21: Mid-year Leadership Dinner, 11 am, \$35 – sign up at <https://rotary7780.myeventcenter.com>

Jan. 25: Senior Visits – Maple Suites, 3 – 4:30 pm.

Feb. 17: Peace Concert at Noble High School in North Berwick, 2-3:30 pm \$25, sign up at: <https://our.show/concertforpeace2024>.

Today’s newsletter authored by Noreen B.

Poland Trip: Gregg will be one of 6 Rotarians journeying to Poland on April 19, 2024, to explore ways to support their Ukraine projects focused on children and mental health.

Student of the Month: The next presentation will be at the Dover Middle School on Wed. Jan. 24 at 10:30 am.

Kids Closet: Supplies and gift cards have been distributed and the schools will let us know when more are needed.

Community Mental Health: Our club is a sponsor of Reset Day at DHS – giving kids an opportunity to get out of their regular classes and participate in activities focused on mental health.

Scholarship Committee: Norm H. will be sending applications to the local guidance counselors in 2-3 weeks. Seniors attending schools in Dover from Dover, Somersworth or Barrington are eligible to apply for 3- \$1,000 scholarships and the \$10,000 DeColfmacker Scholarship. More committee members are always welcome. Members will receive emails with the completed applications in late May followed by a virtual meeting to discuss and choose winners.

In addition to the scholarships, the club also supports a Dover Adult Learning Center scholarship and Vocational Training and Tools Grants.

!00 Year Celebration: Pres. Kathy noted the committee has chosen a gift wine glass for attendees and Noreen B. said the invitation design would focus on *Party Like It's 1924* – a Roaring Twenties theme.

Finance: Nick P. reported our low risk invested funds (60% invested in bonds) are secure and fully liquid if the need arises to support a project.

Shoe & Boot: Nick noted the voucher system is working well and available through Dover schools, CAP and the Teen Center.

Foundation: Jim M. reported our club has donate \$335,000 since the Foundation began. Currently we have 29 Paul Harris Fellows, 2 major donors, 1 member of the Bequest Society and 4 members use direct deposit. So far this year 17 members have donated. Nancy B. praised the Rotary Foundation's recognition by Charity Navigator for providing the highest percent of funds directly to projects.

Homeless Project: Jim reported \$1,000 is still in the budget and available if needed to help someone "keep their head above water." Discuss with Jim. He also noted the District Grant Application is now online and easier to navigate.

Community Giving: Jay S. said his committee has 9 active members. So far this year they have awarded 71% of their budget to community projects and have \$3,000 left for the next 6 months, although he was sure if needed the BOD would expand their budget. He also noted many of the request are nearly double the amount of previous years.

Milk & Eggs: Cate R. said the program is running well with four locations CAP, Dover Food Pantry, Our Daily Bread Pantry and WDH's Women's Recovery Program. They distribute an average of 38 coupons per week.

Bingo: Cate R. reported the hall is averaging 100-105 players per week selling over 20 boxes of tickets. More help is always needed. The four clubs are also working well together. President Kathy said our

share of bingo is much less from prior years due to the 4-part program and the Board will discuss other options for fundraising if the need arises but not at this time. We will also continue to benefit from the Dover Poker Room fundraiser.

Special Meeting – Jan. 31.

Our club will host a community forum as part of our commitment to the **ACERT Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team and the Critical Incident Crisis Response Team of Dover PD** formed with first responders and the support of our club and other community groups. Lunch will be provided for all – expect 50 attendees. **Please bring a dessert or salad to add to the meal.**

Happy Bucks:

Cate R. for being happy to be part of Dover’s Rotary.

Gregg D. for the coming District Leadership Dinner in Freeport. Six members of our club will be attending.

Norm H. for his daughter being home and his daughter returning to grad school and for surviving COVID with his whole family.

Cindy I. for bingo last week and seeing how seamless it is running.

Kathy F. for visiting NYC with her son and nephew for her son’s 30th birthday and being amazed at what a great adult he has become.

50/50 Raffle: Gregg D. had the ticket (again!) but did not get the Queen of Spades – he chose the Ace of Spades (last year’s card). Sorry. The pot grows!

January Birthdays:

Ken P.	Jan. 5
Megan K.	Jan. 8
Ross A.	Jan. 10
Brian H.	Jan. 29
Cate R.	Jan. 29
Dave K.	Jan. 30
Jonathan N.	Jan. 30

January Anniversary:

Jay S.	32 years
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