

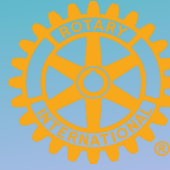
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY

Jan. 22, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

President Harry called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to Stella's Café, the location for Dover Rotary on this date.

Announcements:

Following lunch, President Harry reported on the Board of Director's meeting held Tues., Jan. 21. The BOD decided Rotary meetings going forward will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the 121 Broadway location. An additional meeting, at a location to be determined, will be held in months with 5 Wednesdays so there will not be a long period between meetings.

Financial Update:

Treasurer Gregg D. reported on Dover Rotary Club finances to date. We are in good shape financially with a fund balance of \$332,784 as of 12/31/24. That compares to a fund balance of \$364,088 on 12/31/23. Bingo continues to thrive with to-date revenue to Dover Rotary totaling \$47,877. The budget amount for 2024-25 was \$46,500, so we have already exceeded our expected income. It is estimated that our revenue will exceed \$85,000 for the year. This amount is Dover Rotary's share. Total Bingo has generated \$166,000 to date. This profit is divided between four clubs. Our club continues to provide extensive support for the community with our Milk and Egg Fund distributing \$12,500 to date, the Homeless Project providing over \$3,000 in supplies and provisions, and the Shoe and Boot fund purchasing over \$1,250 for children and families in need. Add to that our expenditure in Scholarships, Kids Closet, Food Drives and other projects, we are doing great things in our community.

Membership: Steve P. reported our special membership meeting focused was very successful, and we have several new members as a result, including two attending today's meeting. It is a sign of a vibrant club when it can attract new members. We will be holding another membership meeting next quarter.

Homeless Project: Jim M. reported that in response to a call for more gloves and hats, Dover Rotarians visited Ocean State Job Lot once again and purchased another 150 plus items to meet the need. Ocean State Job Lot has been a terrific partner in our efforts to help the homeless as they have provided significant discounts allowing us to help more people. Please shop with them and let them know we appreciate their support.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Jan. 29: no meeting

Feb. 5: meeting at Broadway

Feb. 12: Club visioning, 5 – 9 pm, at Broadway

Feb. 19: Meeting, Broadway: Club Assembly

Events:

Jan. 27: Senior Visit, Maple Suites, 3-4 pm.

Feb. 15: Concert

Mar. 12: Food Packing, 3 – 7 pm

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

Pledge: Harry C.

4-Way test: Melissa L.

Guests: Maggie Sinclair, Cathanne Potvin

Senior Visits: A visit to Maple Suites is planned for Mon., Jan. 27 from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM. The Dover HS Interact Club will join us, and a rousing game of Trivia is planned. The residents enjoy our visits, and we will be visiting other senior homes in the future.

February 15 Event: Kathy F. announced a concert will be held on February 15th and this will serve as our social event for February. More details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Visioning: President Harry reminded the club of our planned Visioning workshop to be held Feb. 12, 2025, from 5:00 –9:00 PM. He distributed a sign-up for the activity and asked everyone to participate in some manner. This is an important activity for the club as we look forward to our future.

Saco Bay Rotary has requested support to help load a shipping crate for Crutches For Africa. Several members are planning to help on Sun., Feb. 1 at 9:00 AM, 128 Saco Bay Ave., Old Orchard Beach. Please reach out to Harry if you can help.

Sandy Hill Farm Winter Wonders in Eliot is our January social this Saturday evening at 5:00PM, followed by a gathering for dinner at Outlook Tavern in South Berwick. The visit to Sandy Hill will be half price thanks to the generosity of the owners. We will enjoy over 2,000,000 lights celebrating the season.

January Student of the Month will be held on Fri., Jan. 24 at noon. All are welcome to attend this recognition of a student who demonstrates "Service Above Self".

Happy Bucks:

Melissa L. for the Interact students who spoke at the District Leadership meeting. Seniors Rachel and Thea did Dover proud sharing the importance of RYLA and the Interact experience.

Jim V. for being associated with the Rotarians in this club.

Noreen B. is happy that today was not -9 degrees and for this club.

Phil R. for greetings from Bob LaPointe, longtime Dover Rotarian who is doing well and wished everyone well.

Gregg D. is happy he is not in Pensacola where no one has a snow shovel, and everyone needs one.

Harry C. for the great things this club does in Dover.

Raffle drawing: Cathy B. won the chance to draw the King of Clubs...no luck!

January birthdays:

Ken P. Jan. 5

Megan K. Jan. 8

Cate R. Jan. 29

January Anniversaries:

Jay S. 33 years