



Jan. 24, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy F. welcomed all to the snowy January 24 meeting of the Dover Rotary Club. Nancy B. led members in the Pledge of Allegiance, while Cathy B. led the recitation of the 4-Way Test.

Program : **Nellie Young, Interact member at Marshwood (and daughter of AG Maryna Shuliakouskaya of the Kittery RC), who spoke about her upcoming Nursery School project in Peru.**

Nellie’s slide presentation was entitled “Investing in Hope: Transforming Kids’ Lives in Peru”. A student trip (14 Interact members plus chaperones; note: each trip is self-funded) is scheduled for February 16—February 27 of this year. The group seeks to assist in constructing and funding a new nursery space for 3–7-year-olds, plus improving water quality at the school in Pachacamac, Peru. They are seeking to raise \$12,000 (\$10,000 for construction, \$2,000 for school supplies).

Nellie explained the school’s needs and why this project will greatly enhance cleanliness, water quality, and will improve classroom performance. The project works in two areas of Rotary focus: basic education/literacy and water sanitation and hygiene. The project also demonstrates sustainability by utilizing local resources for maintenance, requires continuing community involvement, and has Rotary Club oversight from the local club. She has raised nearly \$3,000 thus far but is asking for donations to help with the rest. Her GoFundMe address is [GOFUND.ME/69B52949](https://www.gofundme.com/f/69B52949) or through her mother’s accounts at PayPal or Venmo (donors may be asked to enter this code: 4407 if using Venmo). RC of South Berwick/Eliot is their fiscal agent. Checks may also be sent to Nellie Young, 16 Maple Avenue, Eliot, ME 03903. They hope to raise the money and start the project before March as the school year runs March through December.

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 or salad!!!

Events:

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>.

Guest: Nellie Young, sophomore member of the Marshwood High School Interact Club, and her dad.

Today’s newsletter authored by Cathy B.

Nellie answered several members' questions following her presentation, particularly why an RI grant was not applied for. There simply wasn't enough time to apply as that process could take up to 6 months and they're leaving next month. All members were greatly impressed with Nellie's presentation and wished her best of luck in this ambitious and worthwhile endeavor.

Announcements:

Peace Concert---Saturday, February 17, 2024, at Noble High School, 2pm. Many choirs, choruses, and performers to enjoy, musical direction by Kathy Fink. Cost is \$25. All profits go to Rotary peace initiatives. Tickets are on sale now. <https://our.show/concertforpeace2024>. The website contains more in-depth info on each of the performers, so please visit. Various Rotary Clubs are buying blocks of tickets to distribute to nursing homes, senior centers, Interact members, etc. Our board will schedule a special meeting to vote on this proposal. The concert will be videoed and sent to Istanbul, Turkey for the opening of the Rotary Peace Center there.

Bingo---Cate R. reported it's been consistently busy each week. We still need more help, so please volunteer through Sign-Up Genius, or email Ken Plante at plantekr@outlook.com or call him at 603-781-3947. The 2nd bimonthly payout to our three other partner clubs was \$5,748.94 to each.

Social---Cinco's Cantina get-together was cancelled last Tuesday due to snowy weather. Next social event will be the Peace Concert on February 17.

Dictionary project---Harry C. reported that the distributions of the dictionaries/gazetteers to Garrison School 3rd graders was done on Thursday, January 18 and was enjoyed by all.

Student of the Month---Gregg D. and Melissa L. presented the award this morning to a Dover Middle School 6th grader.

Foundation---Harry C. reported that an anonymous donor has come forward to match up to \$1 million to the SHARE Endowment Fund, so your dollars can have twice the impact if you donate. Bequests will also count towards the match. Remember that this money comes back to the district via grants. Harry and Marion C. are co-chairs so please see them for more information.

Senior Visits---Next visit is Thursday, January 25 from 3-4:30pm at Maple Suites, Back River Road, Dover. A trivia competition is planned---with hot chocolate. Please join Melissa L. and her team!

Jan. 31---Gregg urged all members to attend the next Rotary meeting which will feature a public presentation by the **ACERT (Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team) and the Critical Incident Crisis Response Team of the Dover Police Dept.** These seacoast-area first responders (ca. 40) were trained via a grant initiated by Dover Rotary. Local officials have also been invited to attend. Lunch (free) will be provided but members are asked to bring either a salad or a dessert to share.

"Reset Day" at Dover High---Melissa L. participated in this mental health day for students. The organizers will speak to our club on February 14.

Happy Bucks:

Cate R.---\$1 for dictionary fun at Garrison (longest word is 1,909 letters!); \$1 for Crisis Team

Phil R.---\$1 for upcoming trip to Barbados

Harry C. \$2 for wonderful Mid-Year Luncheon in Freeport; \$1 for Peace Concert; \$2 for being happy about Rotary

Gregg D.---\$1 for Nellie's wonderful presentation; \$1 for successful Mid-Year Luncheon

Kathy F.---\$1 for Florida wedding attendance (but it was cold!) and Universal Studios visit

Nellie Y.: \$1 for being happy to be here; \$1 for starting her Peru project; \$1 for getting to miss school to be here!

50/50 Drawing: \$119 in the pot. The winning ticket was Kathy F.'s but the 9 of Spades was not the winner.

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