

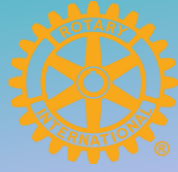
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



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Jan. 8, 2025 – In-person and zoom

President-elect Cathy B. welcomed all to the Rotary club of Dover, NH and welcomed guest speaker Peter Saliba, Executive Director of the Mayhew Program.

Program: Mayhew Program, Briston, NH – Peter Saliba, Ex. Dir.

Bio: Peter Saliba has been in education for more than 30 years, with the majority of time spent in Maine and New Hampshire. He has worked at the Holderness School in Plymouth, the Tilton School in Tilton and Berwick Academy in South Berwick. He has been at Mayhew since September, succeeding Dover resident Jim Nute as Mayhew's sixth Executive Director.

In his second presentation since becoming executive director of the Mayhew Program three months ago, Peter Saliba, asked Rotarians if they knew about Mayhew. Three members were acquainted. Steve P. said the Teen Center in Dover has connected with the Mayhew in their support of at-risk boys.

Mayhew's mission: "Mayhew challenges and helps at-risk New Hampshire boys to believe in themselves, work well with others, and find their best. It is the only all-boys program in the state that combines school-year mentoring and a residential summer program for at-risk boys, tuition-free, through high school graduation."

According to Steve the Mayhew program originated in 1893 when the Groton School, an independent boarding school in Groton, MA, began operation of a summer camp for underprivileged boys on Groton Island near Squam Lake. In 1920 it moved to Mayhew Island, an uninhabited Island on Newfound Lake. From this new location, the GSC continued serving needy boys from New England's urban areas until 1966, when the focus of Groton's efforts turned to matters on campus. After renovations the in the 60s and early 70s the camp became the Mayhew Program. In 1990 the camp burned to the ground and was mostly rebuilt thanks to generous donors.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Jan. 15: Membership Info Meeting!
12 – 1:30 pm, Broadway

Jan. 22: Meeting at Stella's, Pointe Place – Club Assembly

Jan. 29: no meeting

Events:

Jan. 19: Midyear in Freeport. Contact Marion if you want to attend. Carpooling opportunities, 11-2, great networking event, Club will pay registration fee.

Jan. 21: BOD at Chamber

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

Pledge: Jim M.

4-Way Test: Melissa L.

Guests: Cathanne Potvin and speakers Peter Saliba and Laura Brusseau of Mayhew

*Today's newsletter authored by
Noreen B.*

Peter said at-risk boys are believed to be in crisis “more likely to be expelled and often shelter challenged.” Referrals come from school counselors who understand the program and the boys who can be helped. At risk girls have a similar program through the Circle Program in Plymouth, an outgrowth of the Mayhew program, he added.

Mayhew’s success is based on carefully choosing expert staff with the right skill sets to manage the 3-week summer camp experienced. “Our kids come when they are 10 years old.” They can continue coming until the 12th grade but the older boys generally stop coming when they are old enough to get summer jobs. Since 1969 Mayhew has welcomed 2,400 boys, 247 from the Seacoast towns of NH.

Questions:

Values? 1. Respect for others and oneself, 2. Working together as a team, and 3. Developing stretch goals to motivate themselves.

Funding? \$1.5 million budget, they raise \$700,000 from individual donations, \$400,000 from grants, \$8,000 from the Federal food program and the remainder from a small endowment’s interest.

Define at-risk? At or below the poverty line, struggling family life (single parents, orphans), referred from school counselors.

Professional development? Staff complete all state-mandated education, suicide prevention training and curriculum design.

Disabled access? The island location is not currently ADA accessible but will soon redesign main lodge for ADA compliance.

Do boys stay through the teen years? No all. Often move on, some go to jail, most gain skills and just outgrow the program.

What’s on island? 37 acres, no technology allowed – must communicate by letters, boys sleep in cabins of 8 bunks.

Why choose to work at Mayhew? I retired as a headmaster and I love teenagers – have to be wired that way.

Announcements

Membership Meeting: Jan. 15, bring friends and **wear ID badges! (Cate will be checking)**

Midyear is January 19th in Freeport. Contact Marion if you want to attend. Carpooling opportunities, 11-2, great networking event, club will pay registration fee. This year the focus is on youth.

Looking for a 3-wheel walker – contact Harry or Marion C.

Card for Tom D. – Cate suggested sending prayers his way.

Library move – Beth F. invited Rotarians to help with the Library’s temporary move to the McConnell Center next week but she has since talked with the director and they are all set for next week’s activities. The Library may be interested in a Rotary team in the future to do a project during the library’s renovation so will get back to us.

Senior visits: Melissa announced next visits: Mon. Jan. 27, 3-4 pm, Maple Suites, Feb. 11, 2-3 pm, Covered Bridge at Riverside.

Happy Bucks

Cate R. \$2 for glad to see Rod back and for program

Kathy F. for New Year's goals to sort and purge, after 5 days studio done

Rod B. \$2 for two beautiful granddaughters and being back again.

Gregg D. \$2 for carpet cleaning at meeting location and for Happy New Year

Steve P. \$2 for Mayhew program and for next week's membership meeting – get some folks here!

Jim V. for chaos with family coming and going.

Jonathan N. for happy to here

Frank C. for still wearing the warm jacket he wore when the club sold Christmas trees.

Melissa L. \$3 for great program, her little sister and for WDH's care of dad (Jerry D. will send in his \$1)

Jay S. \$5 for footing the bill for his entire family of 13 visiting Great Wolf Lodge and coming back home to a water leak and saving his beloved model trains.

Beth F. for Rod's return

Cindy I. for Steve P's amazing job on membership meeting promo and for her "hero" Frank C. who somehow gets to the front of the long line at the local Thai restaurant.

50/50 Drawing: \$981. No winner – pot grows!!!

January birthdays:

Ken P. Jan. 5

Megan K. Jan. 8

Cate R. Jan. 29

January Anniversaries:

Jay St. 33 years