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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

January 21, 2026 - Broadway and Zoom

President Cathy welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, NH and held a moment of silence for recently deceased member Frank Cassidy.

Cathy's Book Recommendation:

"When We Walk By" by Adler & Burne

an exploration of homelessness in America, urging readers to confront societal neglect and embrace compassionate solutions

Presentations: Pres. Cathy B. presented a check for \$1000 to Emily Mundy of **Zebra Crossings** to help fund Day Outings for their clients and a check for \$1000 to Meredith Brustlin and Colie McClain of **The Children's Museum of NH** for their Visiting Performing Arts program.

Foundation/Paul Harris Recognition:



Foundation Chair Harry C. and Pres. Cathy B. presented Paul Harris Recognition awards to Phil Rinaldi and Malcolm McNeill.

Program: Dismas Home NH – Jeremey Miller

Development Director of Dismas Home NH, Jeremey Miller, is a former attorney and business developer currently reaching out to area businesses and funding groups to tell the story of Dismas Home – a residential treatment program for justice-involved women recovering from substance misuse. The name was derived from St. Dismas.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Feb. 4: Doug Dodd

Feb. 18: Bob Carrier, Perry Plummer and David Terlemezian

Events:

Jan. 24: Mitten making, 9 – 12

Jan. 29: End 68 Hours of Hunger food packing, 8-9:30

Feb. 4: PR committee, 11 – 12, Broadway.

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

Feb. 17: BOD, 12:30 – 2 pm, Broadway

Senior visits: - all 3-4 pm.

- Jan. 28, Covered Bridge Manor
- Feb. 3, Riverside Rest Home
- Feb. 20, Langdon Place
- Mar. 13, Silver Squares

Guests: Andrew Wolcott and Speaker Jeremey Miller

Pledge: Cathy B.

4-Way Test: Malcolm M.

Today's newsletter authored by Noreen B.

Dismas Home NH has an 8-bed house in Manchester NH and is currently building a 12,000 sq. foot home in Rochester (across from the airport) to provide 20 beds for women to who need help surviving past their initial detox phase. Miller said the Home is not a detox center or recovery program. Once women are 30-days sober they are welcomed to heal and gain skills so they can return to a better life. He noted the Home works closely with the criminal justice system to provide information and recommendations. The first 90 days is focused on trauma issues. "Counseling is every day and really concentrated," he said.

After this period women can stay up to one year, learning self-care and how to ease back into their lives outside. The most difficult challenge these women face, he said, is managing the stigma of their past misdeeds and trying to find employment and housing. "We try to do a lot of public outreach, working with businesses directly."

Dismas Home's annual budget is \$2 million and receives 40% of its funding from the State, which has recently been cut by 10%, the remaining funds come from donations. He ended with a brief story of a woman who completed the program and gave a speech at their gala last year. She was a long-time heroin user who spent time in jail and was in and out of the program. She finally completed the program and was joined by her estranged children at the event as she spoke. "It was pure joy," he said.

Rotarians suggested Miller connect with the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health and area Mental Health Alliances.

Announcements:

- **Birthdays, anniversaries and fines:** Part-time Seargeant-at-Arms Jay Stephens returned to duty in his yellow tux jacket and a black top hat to announce birthdays and ramble on about his past service in a full-time role when Kerry Forbes was president. The consummate civil engineer, Jay devised an intricate mathematical quiz to create a fine but, alas, several Rotarians had the answer rather quickly and no one was fined. Jay packed up his yellow tux and his Book of 52 fines and will probably be back again someday to tell us more about his incredible life story, even if no one asks.
- **Bingo:** Gregg D. noted Bingo was looking better after the remarkable New Year's Day game and last week 80-90 played, with 13 boxes sold. Pres. Cathy also noted the casino installed a sign to identify the Bingo room location.
- **Mugs Make a Difference:** Kim H. held two mug making events at her pottery studio with Rotarian mug makers – mugs will be raffled at a special event on March 6.
- **Non-Profit Summit:** Work continues to coordinate this event. The next meeting of the committee will be Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. Contact Cathy for more info.
- **PR Update:** Pres. Cathy said 8 Rotary signs have been posted on polls on entry roads into Dover thanks to the help of Eversource, the mini-split sign is done and will soon be installed at the 68 Hours of Hunger room at St. John's Methodist Church, and stickers are currently being designed to recognize Red's and Janetos for their partnership on Rotary programs.
- **Sandy Hill Light Show:** Gregg D. is targeting Feb. 20 for this year's trip to see the light show in Eliot. Register online - \$15. Rotarians will gather after the tour at a nearby restaurant.

- **Mitten Project:** Jim M. reminded all about the next mitten making project – Sat., Jan. 24, 9-12 at Broadway. All invited.
- **CPR course:** Harry C. said the board is considering holding a CPR course that will be open to the community – still in the works.

Happy Bucks:

Malcolm M. for Frank Cassidy noting Frank was never on time for a meeting but was a great Irish storyteller.

Harry C. for today's speaker, for Greg's grandson Cooper's CPR success saving his dad, for going to Columbia with Marion for a Rotary Fair and Marion is going to India with Rotary for a 3-week stay.

Nick P. for Frank Cassidy and visiting his son in Colorado at 10,000 ft – glad to be back where he can breath again

Doug L. for great speaker

Ron R. for great speaker, for Frank Cassidy, for all Rotarians and for his dad

Jim V. for mug making and for seeking an AP economics student tutor for friend Donna McAdam

Suzanne W. for a \$2 billion grant cancellation that was rescinded 24 hours later and for Gregg D. letting her know the good news

Kendra L. for getting the money back

Gregg D. for Frank Cassidy, for his amazing grandson 13-year-old Cooper's CPR success story, for New England Patriots and for today's speaker

Becky H. for speaker and nice to be around people like Rotarians

Kathy F. for an amazing tour in Italy with sixty choir members ages 18 to 83 and visiting Venice, Florence and Rome on New Year's Eve.

Jim M. for Kim H. and the mug making event and for showing his art at the Kittery Art Assoc. winter event and for the two incredibly generous PHF recipients

Deb DeColfmacker (Gary's wife) for both being retired and thrilled to see everyone

Rod B. for first night sleeping without a dog on his head?

Jay S. for Frank Cassidy knowing he was early if he made to a meeting before Frank and the joy of funding his family's getaway for the holidays and for his second oldest granddaughter turning 18 and investing all of her savings into the stock market – he hopes it works.

50/50 Raffle: \$75, Jim V. picked the wrong card. Pot grows!

January birthdays:

Ken P. Jan. 5

Kendra L. Jan. 6

Rob G. Jan. 15

Cate R. Jan. 29

January anniversaries:

Jay S. 34 years

Maggie S. 1 year

Cathanne P. 1 year