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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good in **Dover** ... and the World!



CREATE LASTING IMPACT

July 15, 2026

President Rob G. welcomed all to his first meeting as Rotary president 2026-27. He likes to write poetry and thus will read a short poem (authored by others) to begin meetings. Today's selection was "Influence" by Joseph Norris.

Program: Deanna Strand, Executive Director of the Dover Adult Learning Center (DALC)



Deanna Strand has been leading DALC since 2009. After working for 10 years as an interior landscaper, she transitioned to several positions in adult education. DALC's mission statement is: "Dover Adult Learning Center of Strafford County helps all adults who seek to learn enhance their skills and improve their lives through education, job preparation, high school completion, and enrichment classes. We help our students become more effective lifelong learners, family members, workers, and citizens."

Deanna explained that DALC, which primarily focuses on high school completion for adults and on learning English for speakers of other languages, is publicly funded through a combination of federal, state, and local (Dover School District) monies. As federal and state funds are being drastically reduced, however, the emphasis has shifted to developing resources and partnerships locally which can help secure funding in the future. A community survey is forthcoming.

Deanna thanked Rotary members for our long partnership with DALC, funding annual scholarships (\$1500) and small \$25-\$50 grants (62 this year). Deanna hinted that she would appreciate even more partnerships with Rotary!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Aug. 5: Broadway

Recruitment Breakfast:

8 – 8:15 Registration

8:15-9:30 a.m. Presentation

Membership Meeting:

10-11:30 a.m.

PR & Marketing: 12 noon

Events:

Jul. 21: BOD, Broadway, 12:30 p.m.

Aug. 4: National Night Out, 4-7 p.m.

Aug. 14:

Rotary Night at Cochecho Arts Festival, 5 p.m.

Guests: Sam and Noiry (who was active in Rotaract in Rwanda and now lives in Rochester) visited with her baby Regan

Pledge: Cindy I.

4-Way Test: Marion C.

Newsletter authored by Cathy B.

Because government funding is so tenuous, they are developing creative and resourceful ways to provide services through new collaborations. One of these is a 12-passenger van, provided through Enterprise, that conveys local students to and from classes. This is most helpful because transportation is a perpetual problem for many students and the van delivers them on-time and consistently.

This year's DALC graduates ranged in age from 16 to 71 and their graduation ceremonies are always joyful and extremely moving. Deanna noted that "Create Lasting Impact", Rotary's theme for the year, is also her goal.

Q & A:

---DALC's budget is ca. \$900,000. 2/3 of that was fed and state funding; now that has dropped by one-half. The remainder has been raised by the non-profit arm of DALC (ca. \$300,000 but need to do more).

---Volunteer opportunities abound: tutors, child care, computer lab, admin tasks, van drivers. Please call!

Announcements:

Check Presentation: President Rob presented a donation for the upcoming Cowabunga Festival to Jonathan Nichols of the Woodman Museum. (August 21-23 to celebrate the TMNT birthplace in Dover. Includes family movie night, courtyard pizza, live music, and skateboarding for more information visit: [CowabungaFest - Woodman Museum](#)).

Social media: Jess C. explained how Facebook and Instagram have now been linked and that there's a plan to increase followers and spread the Rotary word!

PR & Marketing: The PR Committee will meet at 12 noon on August 5, after the regular meeting ends. Two events: We will have a Rotary table at National Night Out, August 4 from 4-7 p.m., adjacent to police station. Volunteering to staff the table were: Rob G., Gary D., Alicia C., Rod B. (and maybe others!) Also, we'll have a Rotary table at the Cochecho Arts Festival on Friday, August 14. Need as many as 9 volunteers to staff table, sell tickets, chuck-a-duck, etc. Setup 5 p.m. until ca. 9 p.m. Contact Beth F. to volunteer.

Membership: Marion C. reminded members that the next Recruitment Breakfast will be Wednesday, August 5 at our regular meeting room 8-9:30a.m. breakfast catered by Fat Dog Kitchen. Come and bring a friend! President Rob also announced that day's regular meeting will begin at 10 a.m. (not the usual 12 noon!) until 11:30 a.m. to follow the breakfast.

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South Berwick/Eliot Rotary Club: Gregg D. announced a special program at the So. Berwick/Eliot Rotary club this Thursday. Speaker will be John Donovan whose father, in 1962, arranged the prisoner swap with the Soviet Union after Francis Gary Powers was shot down in Russia.

Happy Bucks were very plentiful this week, with 18 people exuding happiness:

- **Rob G.** for his first meeting as president and for our speaker
- **Nancy B.** for being a 1950 DHS grad
- **Rod B.** for watching "real" football
- **Kim H.** for our speaker, for Rob, and her daughter's homecoming
- **Cindy I.** for our speaker, for Rob, for her trip to Oregon
- **Gregg D.** for our speaker and one other thing?
- **Nick P.** for our speaker, for the social media amp up, for Cowabunga
- **Malcolm M.** for Rob
- **Cate R.** for "pretirement" activities in NYC, the White Mountains, and on her bike

- **Harry C.** for Rob and for our speaker
- **Nick K.** for letting him come back and his roommate's marriage
- **Doug L.** for our speaker
- **Mike S.** for Rob
- **Gary D.** just because
- **Noreen B.** for meeting another Noreen (actual spelling of guest name is Noiryen)
- **Jerry D.** who's glad that Gregg D. forgets things too
- **Marion C.** for Rob and for fly fishing next week
- **Visitor Sam** who's grateful for his English language education

50/50 Raffle:

Pot \$179. Drawing won by Cate R. who drew the 5 of clubs. Pot grows!

July Birthdays:

Cathanne P.	July 19
Ed H.	July 22
Katie S.	July 23
Ram R.	July 24
Norm H.	July 25

July Anniversaries:

Jerry D.	42 years
Nick P.	15 years
Doug L.	8 years
Cathy B.	5 years
Beth F.	5 years
Kim F.	5 years
Seneca B.	2 years