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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

July 16, 2025 – Broadway

President Cathy B. welcomed all to the Rotary of Dover, NH and noted the club made an amazing 53 charitable donations in the last year. She also congratulated Jerry D. on his 41st anniversary with Dover Rotary.

Program: Traveling Tales Van

Kiley Hemphill, Dover school system curriculum director manages the Title 1 federal grant fund for Dover that funds the Traveling Tales van – a mobile library summer project for students living in the Woodman Park school district - the only school district in Dover that qualifies for Title 1 due to the number of students from lower economic status living there. She also noted the Middle School is considered a targeted school and some students are eligible for Title 1 services.

Dover Rotary is a sponsor of the Traveling Tales van with its logo visible on several areas of the van. Two Dover teachers, Allison and Megan, accompany the van to various locations in the Woodman district to reach as many children as possible over six weeks in the summer.



Each teacher and Kiley emphasized the value of helping kids prepare for the school year with reading activities, phonic games and site word recognition. Parents also learn more about the school system, the Head start program and how to connect with CAP and other agencies. During the one-hour sessions, students may stop by and take out a book or stay the full hour “talking the whole time” Allison said.

Expanding the program to more students at other schools will take more funding and, Kiley said, “we’d love to have more participation in events like Apple Harvest Day and the Christmas Parade.” She presented a Plan for Growth, noting the addition of two more teachers and supplies would take about \$5,000. For more information contact Kiley at k.hemphill@sau11.nh.gov.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Aug. 6: Broadway – Dist. Gov. Emma Bodwell visit, potluck!

Events:

July 26: Don’t Trash Dover – Beckwith Park, 9:30 a.m.

July 30: Social – Castaways, 5 p.m.

Aug. 13: Social – Gregg D’s, 5 p.m.

Sep. 17: Social – no meeting – Gundalow Trip: 3:30 p.m., for tickets visit:

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/gundalow/items/56754/availability/1785769399/book/?full-items=yes>

Guests: Sylvie Kotsonis, RYLA attendee, Kiley Hemphill, curriculum director and teachers Allison and Megan from Traveling Tails Van

Pledge: Cathy B.

4-Way Test: Harry C.

Today’s newsletter authored by Noreen B.

RYLA: Sylvie Kotsonis gave an update of her recent RYLA adventure she described as an “opportunity to grow” with multiple lessons learned on trusting, speaking out, forming connections and finding leadership roles. She thanked Rotary for supporting her attendance and may consider returning one day as a counselor.

Announcements:

Cathy ‘s book recommendation:

As promised, President Cathy will recommend a book related to one of Rotary’s 7 Areas of Focus at each meeting. This week’s book is *Cheaper, Faster, Better* by Tom Steyer on combating climate change.

Paul Harris Fellows: Past President Harry presented Kathy Fink and Jay Stephens with Paul Harris Plue 2 recognition for their \$3,000 plus donations to the Foundation and for supporting Dover Rotary initiatives.



Meetings for the Year:

President Cathy will continue meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and offer pizza/sandwiches and occasional potluck lunches.

Social Gatherings:

- **July 30 at Castaways, 5 p.m.** Stop by to wish Megan Keil a fond farewell as she moves to PA.
- **August 13, Picnic on Gregg D’s patio, 5 p.m.**, 31 Bittersweet Lane, South Berwick. They will provide sliders and a vegetarian option, beer & wine. Bring whatever else you’d like to contribute.
- **Sept. 17, Gundalow trip to Kittery Life Saving Station**, leaves from Prescott Park dock, 3:30 pm. (no noon meeting) Sign up: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/gundalow/items/56754/availability/1785769399/book/?full-items=yes>

Newlywed: Congrats to Jonathan N. on his recent marriage to Anna!

Mitten project: Jim M. thanked all who attended last week’s mitten cutting/sewing event and noted another will be scheduled in the fall. He especially noted Jay S.’s sewing expertise and Harry’ cutting abilities.

Donation: The Board approved a \$5,000 donation to a Texas Rotary to help victims of the recent floods.

Tech Team: Kathy F. is looking for more tech help while she is away this summer. Contact Kathy.

Aug. 6 District Governor Visit: Emma Bodwell will visit our club at the Aug. 6 meeting – the Exeter club will also attend. Potluck dinner – bring any dish you choose!

July 26 Don’t Trash Dover – join the clean up efforts at Beckwith Park (6 Hillside Dr.), 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

PR Committee: Beth F. noted work continues to create a Rotary Marker at Henry Law Park, Cathy B. was also interviewed by Mike Pomp on WTSN and Chris Parker on Dover Download.

Happy Bucks:

Jim M. for Mass General Brigham's excellent care of his wife

Harry C. \$5 for Cathy and Traveling Tales

Rob G. \$5 for winning silver medals in non-profit pickleball contest.

Gregg D. \$2 for his wife's procedure at WDH and for Hearts of Pine game in Portland with grandsons.

Phil R. \$2 for RYLA student Sylvie and for Cathy.

Bob Richard Notice: Ron R. sent a message to let the club know his Rotarian dad, Bob R. is currently in hospice care at Riverwoods Durham – short visits are welcome.

50/50 drawing. \$47, Rod B. picked the ticket but not the Queen of Clubs. Pot grows!

July Birthdays:

Cathanne P. July 19

Ed H. July 22

Ram R. July 24

Bjorn S. July 24

July Anniversaries:

Jerry D. 41 years

Nick P. 14 years

Doug L. 7 years

Cathy B. 4 years

Beth F. 4 years

Kim F. 4 years

Kevine Q. 2 years

Sam K. 1 year