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Newsletter

# Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



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## July 31, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Harry welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover and played a short video from NH4Ukraine thanking our club for supporting their project to provide food for refugees.

### Program: Visioning Project Overview

Portsmouth Rotarians and past presidents, Aileen Dugan and Cleo Villafores previewed the process and potential of a visioning session for our club that could lead to 3-5 year strategic plan. Aileen noted Rotary International recognized a weakness in its structure of a club president setting goals with only 12 months to accomplish.

Aileen noted the Portsmouth club has conducted two visioning sessions and one major concern focused on membership which led to the need to change location for their meeting. "People just stopped coming." Their new location at the Portsmouth Country Club is more welcoming and helped attract new members and guest speakers.

Cleo said the visioning process includes a questionnaire and one comment from an attendee was, "I feel heard." All voices and ideas are welcome at the 3 ½ hour session of up to 30 participants. The Visioning session will include the following:

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Explanations
- Writing Exercise
- Brainstorming & recording ideas
- Prioritizing
- Consensus Building
- Action Plan

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings:

Aug. 7: new member induction

#### Events:

Aug. 2: Cochecho Arts Festival at Henry Law Park – non-profit of the night: NH Coalition for Support of Service Dogs – 6:30 pm

Aug. 14: Backpack packing - 10-noon Broadway conference room

Aug. 14: **Rotary Get-together** – Gregg D.'s home on Bittersweet Lane, So. Berwick – 5:30 – apps and desserts welcome.

Aug. 17: 9 am Garden Weeding

Aug. 21: Backpack Distribution at Dover Housing, 3 pm.

Sept. 11: Putt Putt Event, 5 pm

Oct. 2: DMHA Putting Event, 5 pm

**Guests:** Bjorn S. (soon to be new member) and Rotarians Aileen Dugan & Cleo Villafores from the Portsmouth Club and District Visioning Project

*Today's newsletter authored  
by Noreen B.*

Visioning is about forward motion and *Falling to Plan is Planning to Fall* – a successful club should sustain current and attract new members, implement successful projects, support the Rotary Foundation, and develop leaders in the club and beyond.

During the session, the facilitators – Aileen and Cleo – recommend being bold, think outside the box, dream grand dreams, and suspend your practical side. For every idea identified, a lead person will be assigned and a time frame delineated. Question to consider: What is your passion?

President Harry asked the members present if they would like to move forward with a Visioning Session – all hands were raised in agreement. The next opportunity for Aileen and Cleo would be in late October or November. More to come.

#### **Announcements:**

A letter from Community Action Partnership thanked our club for a donation of \$500 to support their need for emergency cooling funds. Harry thanked himself for bringing lunch and noted the speaker system in the meeting room will soon be fixed. Next week will celebrate Aug. birthdays.

**International Committee:** Gregg D. reported the group discussed our Charities Audiology donation of \$3,000 and made a commitment to sending another \$2,000. They also discussed the project in Poland to support recovery home for teens from Ukraine and Poland with a potential pledge of \$5,000 from our club. The payment will not be paid until the District Grant Fund project is approved. The vote will come to the membership. The International Committee budget is \$15,000 this year with only \$2,000 committed to date.

**Cochecho Arts Festival:** Brendan M. announced the non-profit of the night on Aug. 2 will be the NH Coalition for the Support of Service Dogs.

**Rotary Garden:** Beth F. invited anyone interested to a meeting on Monday Aug. 5 at 9 am at Henry Law Park with a garden designer to discuss the potential use of more controllable perennials in the Rotary Garden. She also noted she is working with the City to upgrade the structures and watering system at the Park and with Stephen Purdy on improvements to the granite signage. Kevin Q. thanked Beth and Noreen for their help with the garden.

**Back to School:** Kevin Q. announced the backpack packing – Aug. 14 at 10-12 at Broadway and backpack distribution at Dover Housing on Aug. 21 at 3 pm. He and Phil will be shopping for the supplies. Backpacks for other schools are being discussed.

**Bingo:** Cate R. reported all 4 clubs met recently to discuss bingo and their commitments to staff, noting “everyone was great.” Last week they sold 34 boxes to 150 players! Box counters always needed.

**Rotary Get together – Aug. 14, 5:30 pm.** Gregg D.’s home, will provide wine, beer, soft drinks and sliders or skewers. Please bring sides and appetizers and drinks of your choice.

### Happy Bucks:

**Cate R.** for many looks from Seth

**Marion C.** for our speakers

**Jim V.** \$25 for Carlo's great care at WDH and valuing employee who come from all over the world and 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries thanks to our country's focus on immigrants.

**Beth F.** for Carlo

**Cathy B.** for great trip to Canada and finding Rotary everywhere

**Melissa L.** for presenters, her little sister and her dad

**Harry C.** \$5 for visioning and hope Carlo gets well soon

**Bjorn** for visioning

**Doug L.** for Harry and visioning

**50/50 Drawing:** \$621 - Cindy drew the ticket but not the right card. Pot grows!

**Four-Way Test:** President Harry led the 4-Way Test to close the meeting.

### July Birthdays:

Ed H. July 22

Ram R. July 24

Norm H. July 25

### July Anniversaries:

Jerry D. 40 years

Nick P. 13 years

Doug L. 6 years

Cathy B. 3 years

Beth F. 3 years

Kin F. 3 years

Kevin Q. 1 year