

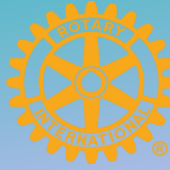
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

June 17, 2026

President Cathy welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club of Dover.

Program: Brian Nolan NH for Ukraine NH4Ukraine

Founded in March 2022, NH4Ukraine is an all-volunteer nonprofit, assisting the most vulnerable victims of Russia's war of aggression.

Based in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Brian Nolan paid his third visit to the Dover Rotary club seeking donations and raising awareness of a war that has now lasted longer than WWI. He hopes the next time he visits it will be "about victory in Ukraine."

Kharkiv is located 18 miles from the Russian border, the second largest city in Ukraine with a population of 1.5 million. His apartment rents for \$240 per month, with internet service for \$7 a month. He boasts it's a great place to retire – almost.

The Ukrainian war with Russia has devastated both sides with Russia suffering the worst – 1.4 million Russian soldiers have died while Ukraine has lost 150,000 soldiers. Nolan said Russia's military is almost completely decimated. But the fight continues.

NH4Ukraine personally delivers food and personal hygiene products to villages with limited access to food. Many older residents have lost everything - their homes, their personal belongs and too often their towns are destroyed by bombs. Most of the children have gone to shelters.

Nolan described the new face of warfare with pictures of anti-tank ditches, miles of concertina wire and anti-drone netting covering roadways. Drones are the weapons of mass destruction, and both sides are perfecting drone technology.

Starlink has made a significant change in military surveillance capability since Elon Musk removed the service from Russia after discussing the consequences with one of Ukraine's new leaders who is also a techie – as described by Nolan – giving Ukraine an advantage. Yet, the war

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

July 1: Changeover, Newicks, 5 p.m.
(no noon meeting)

July 15: Regular meeting, Broadway

Events:

June 20: Garden cleanup, 9 a.m.
Henry Law Park

June 27: District Conference,
Freeport – Hilton Garden Inn

July 1: PR Committee, 10:45,
Broadway

Pledge: Pres. Cathy

4-Way Test: Gregg D.

Guests: Brian Nolan, speaker

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continues with more sophisticated drones – on both sides and Russia using huge 9 ft Geran drones which can take down apartment buildings.

Nolan said Zalinsky is eager for a security agreement that will hold but understands Russia had violated every peace agreement every made for 100 years or more. He also stressed the importance of understanding how vital the defense of Ukraine is for Europe, noting that of the \$180 B in US assistance to Ukraine, 70 -80% stayed in the US to build new munitions to replace older munitions given to Ukraine. He also noted Ukraine is “miles ahead of the rest of the world in drone defense” with hopes their ingenuity will lead the way to ending the war.

Announcements:

Cathy’s Book Recommendation: After a Rotary year of books recommended based on Rotary’s areas of service, Cathy provided a list of the books she said “I really read” from her favorite authors.

Club Assembly booklet: Cathy passed out a 4-page booklet summarizing 23 club committees/projects with a list of chairs and leaders to contact.

Grants Committee: Needs details on numbers and specifics to use in presentations to potential funders from committees. Contact Rob G.

Budget Votes:

Motion to approve the Operations budget made by Kathy F., second by Jim V, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the Charities budget made by Rod B., seconded by Noreen B., passed unanimously.

Bingo note: Treasurer Gregg D. reported bingo revenue is facing challenges, and some areas were cut in the new budget to offset the potential revenue shortfall and, if needed during the upcoming year, the Board can approve additional cuts if necessary.

Membership: Steve P. said the next Membership gathering will be held on Aug. 5, time to be determined. He also said the committee is proposing two new types of memberships: 1. Corporate/Business or large organization membership and 2. A Companion Club – an afterhours club for new and existing members. More info to come.

NH Gives Recap: During the event on June 9 and 10, the club received \$1600 in online donations for the Milk & Egg Fund. Since then, additional funds have been collected to bring the total donations to \$3,100.

Convening the Givers Recap: Over 60 attended the June 11 forum representing 40 organizations. Pres. Cathy mentioned the event was well received with a dynamic speaker who will soon become a Rotary member.

New member 7-Day notice: Patty Frew Watters and Katie Soule are on notice and will be inducted, if approved, at the July 1 meeting.

Garden Weeding – June 20, 9 a.m.: Garden helpers will freshen up Rotary garden

PR Committee: The next meeting will be on July 1 at 10:45 a.m., Broadway (no noon meeting)

District Conference: Freeport, Maine, June 27 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Contact Marion C. to make a reservation.

Changeover - July 1: Newicks, Please RSVP to Marion C.

Harry Bucks:

Steve P. for graduating senior, Brian Nolan and membership thank you

Rod B. for speaker

Doug L. for speaker

Jim V. for great time at Temptations production

Cathanne P. for Ukraine, graduating seniors and Rotary scholarships

Pam S. for Rotarians and glad to be here

Gregg D. for speaker, twins becoming freshmen and great time with Seth and Cate R. at Hearts of Pine game

Becky C. for speaker and son getting job in CT

Kathy F. for Ukraine, for last week's Convening the Givers event and for jazz choir event success despite dad's fall and hospital stay – all well now.

Ram R.: for being back in Dover, for NH's seasons and for grandson who graduated from medical school and begins a 6-year residency in vascular surgery

Noreen B. for Cathy B.'s last meeting and thanks for her great year as president

50/50 Raffle: \$145. Jessica C. had the ticket but pulled the wrong card. Pot grows!

June birthdays:

Jim V. June 1

Steve P. June 1

Mike B. June 15

Volodymyr L. June 18

Fredric B. June 20

Kathy F. June 24

Cindy I. June 28

June anniversaries:

Phil R. 42 years

Sheila T. 9 years

Harry C. 5 years

Steve P. 3 years