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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY

June 18, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

President Harry called the meeting to order and welcomed all to the Rotary of Dover, NH.

Special Presentation: Deb and Gary DeColfmacker presented Megan Fitzgerald, winner of the 2022 DeColfmacker scholarship with her 4th and final check as she enters her senior year at U. Mass Amherst, majoring in Nursing. Deb D. said, "we are pleased and blessed to give you your last check for all your hard work these past three years."

The scholarship is in honor of the DeColfmacker's daughter Megan who passed away over 24 years ago from cancer and was treated at Boston Children's Hospital. Coincidentally (or divinely perhaps) Megan Fitzgerald just started a job as a clinical assistant on the same floor where Megan DeColfmacker was treated – all just discovered the connection at the day's meeting. Amazing!

Megan Fitzgerald thanked Rotary for the scholarship and said she was thrilled to get the job at Children's. She hopes to continue in oncology nursing after graduation next year. She has managed to maintain a 4.00 GPA and still volunteer helping kids in her college community.

Classification Talk: Maggie Sinclair

Shortly after arriving in Dover, from Massachusetts, Maggie drove by Henry Law Park and saw the Rotary signs at the pavilion and knew she needed to find out more about the local Rotary. Inspired by her father, a 30 plus year veteran Rotarian and past District Governor from NY, Maggie's dad told her one of the proudest moments of his life was when she joined Rotary. Maggie has a brother and sister noting she is "the good one" but not elaborating further.

Maggie attended law school but was not enamored by the legal environment and decided to take up an opportunity with Santory 15 years ago. She has always had a love of volunteering and supporting environmental efforts, and now works for a company that supports both, Sentory Spirits, based in Japan. She is their marketing liaison for NH, Maine and Vermont.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meeting:

July 2: Changeover, REVO, 5-7 p.m.

Events:

June 24: Breaking Barriers Event, 5:30 – 7 p.m. , arrive at 5 p.m.

June 28: Rotary Garden Weeding, 9 a.m.

Guests: Kathleen Dillon, Volodymyr L. and Megan Fitzgerald, DeColfmacker scholarship winner 2022

Visiting Rotarians: Deb DeColfmacker, Eliot-South Berwick, Mahendra Patel from the Rotary Club of Vijapur, State of Gujarat India and his sons Kadi and JJ Patel

Pledge: Beth F.

4-Way Test: Noreen B.

Today's newsletter authored by Noreen B.

Maggie brought her charm and an assortment of liquid refreshments to her classification talk eagerly sampled by Rotarian aficionados at the end of the meeting. Welcome to Rotary, Maggie.

Budget Vote

After a brief review of the 2025-26 budget, discussed at the last meeting, Gregg D. thanked Cathy B. for her help and called for a vote. Ken P. moved the motion, Gary D. seconded, the vote was unanimous – budget approved.

Video from Rotary Club of Vijapur:

Visting Rotarian Mahendra Patel presented a video of his club in India showing a multiroom building, owned by the Rotary club that provides physical therapy for the poor in his country and training for skills such as sewing. At the end of the meeting, he presented Pres. Harry with a check for \$500 as a donation for our club.

Announcements:

- **Bingo:** the Turtle bonus was won last week for \$89,000!
- **BOD:** The board approved a donation of \$2,000 to support a refrigeration system at the South Portland Rotary Food Cupboard
- **Willand Pond Cleanup:** Pres. Harry thanked the 12 Rotarians who helped with cleanup efforts at Willand Pond on June 7.
- **Dover Adult Learning:** Marion and Harry C. attended the DALC graduation on behalf of Rotary last week and presented scholarships to two graduates.
- **Garden Weeding: Sat., June 14, 9 a.m.** is our first weeding event for Rotary Gardens. Many hands make light work.
- **How to Avoid Scams: Breaking Barriers Event:** Rotary will be co-hosting a Breaking Barriers event, **June 24**, with the Dover PD. The event will highlight tips for avoiding scams. Light food will be served. Arrive at 5 p.m. The event is from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- **Changeover:** Changeover will be held on **Wed., July 2** in lieu of an afternoon meeting. It will be held at REVO, from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be a buffet - members/guests invited.
- **Membership Dues:** Please send in dues before 25th! And consider a donation to RI Foundation and Polio Plus.
- **Gmail calendar** coming soon: Kathy F. did a demo
- **Rotary pavilion:** Beth F. noted the façade is complete, but stage needs painting – she will contact the city.
- **PR committee:** Beth F. noted the committee will discuss the Gmail account, and marker for Rotary Park – next meeting will be July 16 at 11 a.m. before regular meeting.
- **Social committee:** Beth F. announced a Gundalow trip is open now for a cruise on **Sept. 17, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.** to the Kittery Life Saving Station. \$50 per person, includes boat and museum – sign up at www.gundalow.org. Only 46 slots left!!!
- **Don't Trash Dover** – event July 26, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., Beckett Field – open to all

Happy Bucks:

Cindy I. \$5 for Harry and his first lady, Maggie – great new member

Kathy F. \$5 for finishing concert season, her parents' 70th wedding anniversary and for our visitors

Malcolm M. \$5 for Harry and Gregg – great job with budget and he didn't have any questions

Ken P. for Megan Fitzgerald's dad Sean

Noreen B. for Harry's year as president
Doug L. \$3 for Megan, Maggie and Harry
Beth F. for Harry, Cathy B. roommate on NYC trip and for all
Melissa L. \$5 for Cathy and Beth finding a heart on a sidewalk in NY, for her little sister going on to 2nd grade and for begging someone to sub for her next Thursday at bingo – ticket sales 6-8 pm
Cathann P. \$5 for Harry, Maggie, Megan
Mike S. for visitors from India
Cathy B. \$2 for Harry and \$2 for Gregg (who really did all the work on the budget)
Kathleen D. \$5 for Harry and the opportunity to reach out to others
Gary D. \$24 for each year giving out the DeColfmacker scholarships (he will invoice Deb for \$12 to share the expenses)
Deb D. for feeling so welcome at our club and for guests from India
Rob G. for Harry, India guests and creating Gmail account for Rotary
Jim V. \$5 for all and relatives leaving after visit
Frank C. \$5 for Meg's 4.0 (he had the same score in college, except it was a 1-10 range)
Megan F. \$3 for Harry, Gregg and Phil and all their help with the scholarship
Maggie S. \$3 for Harry, this group and the opportunity to help grow the club
Marion C. \$10 for Gregg, guests and Harry who once told her he would never join Rotary
J.J. Patel \$20 for Harry and inviting all to visit his club in India
Ram \$5 for Harry, visitors and Megan, who should also consider working at WDH's great cancer center and for his grandson who graduated from medical school – 3rd generation to become docs
Yulia R. \$5 for Harry, Megan, Vol and all new people and for trip to Nova Scotia
Gregg D. \$5 for Harry, Megan, and grades he never saw when he went to college and Hearts of Pine soccer club
Rod B. \$5 for recent trips to Ireland and Portugal and blessings for Harry
Norm H. for Deb and Gary and congratulations to Harry
Harry C. \$20 for Indian visitors, visitors – Volodymyr (Portsmouth and Ukraine) and Kathleen and everyone who made his year as President simple
Phil R. for Harry, Marion and everyone else
Jay S. via zoom, \$13 for 13 family members visiting the Outer Banks and keeping out of direct sunlight.

50/50 drawing. Staring new! \$28 in pot. No winner yet!

June Birthdays:

- Jim V. - June 1
- Steve P. - June 1
- Mike B. - June 15
- Kathy F. - June 24
- Cindy I. - June 28

June Anniversaries:

- Phil R. - 41 years
- Sheila T. - 8 years
- Harry C. - 4 years
- Steve P. - 2 years