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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

June 3, 2026

President Cathy welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club of Dover.

Program: Dover FD Chief Brendan Driscoll and Captain Matt Adams

Chief Driscoll and Captain Adams shared the history and purpose of Dover Fire & Rescue's Annual Fire Safety Festival. This began about 30 years ago through the volunteer efforts of two Dover firefighters. It continued for years but was put on hiatus during Covid. Captain Adams has been instrumental in bringing it back to Dover elementary students. The purpose of the program is to educate students on fire safety, reduce the occurrence of fire-related events and to reduce the impacts should a fire and safety event happen. A few highlights:

- Every K – 4 student attends the event during fire safety week in October
- All costs of this program come from donations – no tax payer dollars are used
- All time and effort are donated by firefighters – they are not paid for their time
- Production costs range between \$12k - \$15k annually. Costs include a hat, goodie bag and t-shirt for every student who attends
- Shows are on a 5-year rotation, so no students see the same production in the time they attend

The Chief and Captain showed a video clip of a prior production, and it was easy to see the enthusiasm and engagement of the students. This program is run separately from the toy drive (which is fully operational after the recent flood). The Chief and Captain welcomed the Club and individuals to donate. Past fire safety videos are available here:

[Fire Safety Festival](#)

Announcements:

- We received a thank you from the Dover Career Tech Center students who were given grants
- We received a thank you note from the Mayhew Program for our donation

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Jun. 17: Broadway, club assembly, Brian Nolen- NH for Ukraine

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

Events:

Jun. 9 & 10: NHGives – supports Milk & Egg Fund



Jun 11: Convening the Givers, 9 – 11 a.m., St. Thomas

Jun. 16, BOD, 12:30, Broadway

Pledge: Pres. Cathy

4-Way Test: Gregg D.

Guests: Nick Kurtz, guest of Gregg D. and Pati Frew-Watters, guest of Beth F.

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- We need ticket counters on Thursday any time after 9:00am
- DMHA is holding a training workshop on June 10 from 10:30am to 12:30pm. This workshop will be led by Edward Jacobs and will address Community-related ACEs and how to build a resilient community. The cost is \$25.
- Kathy F. will be leading a concert on June 13 – tickets available
- DALC Graduation is on June 16 – anyone interested in attending can reach out to President Cathy
- June 17 is club assembly: We will vote on the budget and our guest speaker will be from NH for Ukraine.
- Our President changeover meeting will be held at Newicks on July 1 @ 5:00pm. Cathy B. will hand over the gavel to Rob G. Please plan to attend.

YOUR HELP NEEDED:

- **Volunteers for Non-profit Forum – Convening the Givers - needs support.** Be on the lookout for a Signup genius. We need set up help for an hour @5:00pm on June 10 and for an hour on June 11 @ 8:00am
- **Impact Statements needed for Grants:** Please send any information you have about the impact of the various programs you lead. We are applying for a number of time-sensitive grants and having quantifiable information helps to build our case for grant eligibility and worthiness. Please send this information to Kendra L. (kendralewis@gmail.com) as soon as possible.
- **NH Gives June 9 & 10:** We will be participating and asking members of the community to donate to our Milk & Egg Program! If you have a social media account please post the following on your page and help spread the word.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1JBXxH9kWm/>

- **Committee Reports** Committee Chairs and Conveners are asked to send Cathy B. a brief synopsis of the work of your committee to be used at our June 17 assembly.

Discussion and vote on District 7780 and District 7850 Merger

Cathy B. shared the situation in our district: declining membership means we will be required to merge with another district. Highlights:

- Leadership of Districts 7780 and 7850 are proactively seeking a merger to prevent a later merger that may be less favorable.
- This transition will happen over the next three years.
- Committees are being formed to ensure a smooth transition and that all decisions (for example grant allocations) are fair to all concerned.
- Even if we vote against this, it is likely to happen anyway; it is characterized as “inevitable.”

VOTE: 1 against, 1 abstention, majority in favor. Vote passes. Cathy B. will certify our vote and submit it on behalf of the club.

2026/2027 Budget Review

Gregg D. took the club through the proposed 2026/2027 budgets for Operations and Charities.

Highlights:

- Bingo profits are projected to be significantly lower
- Cuts were made with intention to many items in our budget

- We are projecting a \$13k deficit in Operations and a \$75,600 deficit in Charities. This can be adjusted throughout the year. Any shortfall would be taken from our savings.
- Questions about the budget can be directed to Rob G. or Gregg D.
- Budget will be voted on at our next meeting June 17.

50/50: Kathy F. got the winning ticket but did not pull the Queen of Clubs – the \$112 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