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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY

June 4, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

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

Thanks to all who brought food to supplement our delicious Roger's Pizza!

Check Presentation: We began our meeting with a check presentation to Lisa Z. of Goodwin Community Health in support of their 16th Annual Father's Day 5K race. These funds will underwrite race expenses.

Warm Hands Project:

Jim M. recapped some of the good work our club has done over the past few years to support the unhoused in our community. He introduced a potential new way that we can support this group while also having an opportunity for fellowship.

Abby Lamothe is a Dover native (now in Greenland) who has created a cottage industry making mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and more for the sole purpose of keeping people warm. Abby gathers supplies and distributes them in kits to individuals and groups to make them into mittens. Jim showed us a completed pair of mittens. Abby distributes finished goods through several partner agencies throughout the Seacoast.

Jim asked the club if there would be any interest in meeting on a Saturday morning and working together to make mittens. This could be done as a one-off event or more regularly if we enjoy it. There was a lot of interest in the room and Jim will find a date for Abby to meet and get us started/trained.

Vocational Training & Tools Program:

Jim M. shared that he, Cindy I. and Nick P. attended an event at the Technical Training center in Dover High School and awarded certificates of \$250 each to eight seniors who have accepted jobs in the trades upon graduation. These funds are intended to help defray the cost of the required equipment and clothing needed in their new professions. Jim also shared that while there, they were approached by a student, Abby Baker, seeking support to advance her training to become a licensed esthetician. The committee elected to support her request, and she will receive \$2,500 toward her tuition. Finally, Jim

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

June 18: Maggie S. will give her classification talk and we will have a visitor from India. Two more great reasons to attend!

June 18: PR meeting, 1:30 after regular meeting

Events:

June 14: Rotary Garden Weeding, 9 a.m.

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

Guests: Lisa Z. from Goodwin Community Health and Kim H. (Who has applied to join our club!) friend of Yulia R.

Pledge: Doug L.

4-Way Test: Megan K.

Today's newsletter authored by Cate R.

shared that our previous donation of a wig drying machine has resulted in DHS being able to donate 250 wigs to cancer patients!!

This committee is looking for new members. Please reach out to Jim if you are interested.

Proposed Budget 2024/2025: Gregg D. took us through a newly reformatted and much clearer budget for next year. He answered many questions and explained changes that were made. A few adjustments will be made and then club members will receive a copy of the budget for review. **We will vote on our budget at the June 18 meeting. A quorum is required so all are asked to attend in person or on Zoom.** Any questions about the budget can be directed to members of the Financial Committee: Gregg D., Nick P., Malcom M., Harry C. and Phil R.

Announcements:

- **Bingo** attendance continues to be strong; ticket sales have dropped off a bit.
- **Student of the Month:** Friday, June 6 at noon is the next Dover Middle School Student of the Month. All are welcome to attend.
- **June 18 Meeting:** At our June 18 meeting, Maggie S. will give her classification talk and we will have a visitor from India. Two more great reasons to attend!
- **Membership:** Membership billing is going out soon. Please pay/respond as soon as possible. The dues form will include options to donate to The Rotary Foundation and to Polio Plus.
- **District Grant:** We are in the process of applying for a District Grant (thanks Melissa) to add heating and cooling to the building where End 68 Hours of Hunger assembles food packages. There may be a chance for monthly fellowship and hands-on support.
- **DEI Zoom:** The District is hosting a DEI Zoom call next Monday. Reach out to Harry or Marion if you would like to attend.
- **Willand Pond Cleanup:** Sat., June 7 is clean-up day at Willand Pond. Everyone is invited to come and help clean up this pretty recreational area from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Parking is across the street from Strafford Farms.
- **Garden Weeding:** Sat., June 14, 9a.m. is our first weeding event for Rotary Gardens. Many hands make light work.
- **Concerts:** 4th Street Jazz has two upcoming concerts. Fri/Sat. June 6/7 at Garrison Players at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 14 at St. Thomas Moore Church at 3:00. Come hear Kathy F. play!
- **Breaking Barriers Event:** Rotary will be co-hosting a Breaking Barriers event 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 6:30 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.
- **Meeting Tech Help:** Kathy F. is looking for help in setting up our meeting technology. It's not hard and she will not be at a few meetings this summer, so she needs a replacement. Please reach out to Kathy if you are willing to help.
- **Donation:** Nick P. shared that former member John C. cashed in a Stock Certificate and made a \$500 donation to the club.

Happy Bucks:

- **Cate R.** - for a super fun senior visit and for officiating her niece's wedding and having the best seat in the house.
- **Jim M.** - gave an apology \$ to Melissa. Turns out she printed exactly what he sent

- **Gregg D.** - 2 for the twins' lacrosse success
- **Cathanne P.** - for her niece and nephew who both graduated
- **Phil R.** - \$5 because he and Donna are celebrating 55 years of marriage on Friday
- **Megan K.** - \$5 to announce that she is leaving the area and moving back to PA. Megan shared her appreciation for the members of the club (maybe a tear or two). She has furniture that she will not be taking with her so reach out if you know anyone in need. Megan – you will be HUGELY missed!
- **Nick P.** - for the great job Gregg D. did sharing the budget
- **Steve P.** - for his 19th anniversary, his birthday and the regional HS grads
- **Yulia R.** - for her friend Kim who is planning to join the club
- **Kim H.** – for planning to join the club
- **Kathy F.** - for the Senior trivia
- **Melissa L.** - \$5 for Megan (love you), all those who helped her with the District Grant process and for her dad's move to Langdon Place (which went well as long as his girlfriend can still visit him)
- **Rob G.** for his son's graduation and plan to attend RPI to study electrical engineering and for beating Cate's team at Trivia during the senior visits
- **Bjorn S.**- for the great job Gregg did with the budget and for his upcoming trip to visit his mom in Seattle
- **Jerry D.** – because no one needed the support of WHD this week

50/50 drawing. The pot was \$1,437, and Jay S. got the lucky number and picked the King of Clubs! Congrats Jay!!

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