



June 7, 2023 – In-person & zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Megan welcomed everyone to Dover Rotary and thanked all who brought the lunch and dessert today

Induction of New Members:

President Megan welcomed new members **Montana Foroughi** and **Steve Pappajohn** to Rotary. Montana and Steve not only become members of Dover Rotary they also join Rotarians around the world who enrich their communities and provide service above self to others in their community. Montana and Steve join Dover Rotary and will join our ranks as individuals who exemplify the true spirit of Rotary in our public, business, social and private life.

Program – Program – Denyse Richter with *Step Up Parents*

Bio: Denyse Richter is the Exec. Dir. of Step Up Parents and founded the organization in 2018 in Portsmouth and began helping kinship families in 2019. Denyse was inspired to start the organization when close personal friends were faced with raising their infant granddaughter, while dealing with their adult's daughter active substance misuse.

Denyse visited our club the last time in March 2020 just before the COVID shutdown. She was happy to return. Her commitment to kinship families remains the same, if not more vital, and said they estimate of over 12,000 NH families, primarily grandparents, are caring for their grandchildren as a result of one or both parents involved in substance abuse. *Step Up Parents* aims to destigmatize substance abuse disorder, maintain stability for children and, she noted, even heroes need help.

Step up Parents raises funds, primarily through grants and donations, to provide food, clothes, gas, car repairs, and whatever will help ease the burden of caring for these children in need. They do not give cash and try, when possible, to pay the bills or give the items. The group works closely with local and state agencies to get the word out and help kinship families. All families live in NH but the children may come from any state in the nation. Last year they helped 400 families and the need continues to increase. Their mission is currently limited to families where at least one parent has a substance abuse

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

June 14: Classifications

June 21: Dover Changeover

Events:

June 24: District Changeover
11-2, Westbrook

June 24: Gundalow Trip, 6:30

Pledge: Jonathan N.

4-Way Test: Kathy F.

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problem but their hope is to be able to expand to families where mental health is the wide-ranging problem. **For more information, visit:** [Step Up Parents – NH Kinship Care Assistance](#)

Announcements:

District 7780 Celebration will be held on June 10th on Baily Island. The \$45.00 registration fee is not covered by the club, however if there is a need [lease contact President Megan. The fee includes dinner at Cook's lobster House, a premier seafood restaurant on the island. Registration can be made on the District 7780 website. www.district7780.org. Also, the silent auction for the event is up and running and can be accessed at <https://go.rotary7780gives.org/7780auction2023/Campaign/Details>

Committee Reports:

Bingo hosted 115 players last week and sold 27 boxes of tickets. The June position-based sign-up link is now live: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AEAF22AAF5C61-june1>

Scholarships: Gary D. announced he had the honor to present three Rotary scholarships for \$1,000 and the \$10, 000 Megan DeColfmacker Scholarship to Annalise Brooks last week with his wife Deb and son John. At the end of the ceremony, the DeColfmacker scholarship winner's dad stopped by to personally thank the DeColfmackers for the scholarship.

Donation to support 4th grade trip to Concord: Jay S. noted the students were grateful and seemed more interested in the museum than the State House.

Finance Committee: Nick P. will be setting up a meeting in the near future.

Foundation: Jim M. reported our involvement with the District's 3 for Polio project netted our club 1,000 Paul Harris Fellow points and our \$4,000 actual donation will provide more points. If any one is new to giving to the Foundation and would like some assistance, please contact Jim. For every \$1 given, our club will get .50 cents in return for district grants.

Happy Bucks:

Kathy F. \$2 for two new members

Norm H. \$1 for Gary D. and the scholarship presentations, and \$1 spending 7 days in Scotland with his wife – he did not wear a kilt but he did drink some Scotch

Jim M. for new puppy Archie he thought was for his wife to take to work but Archie and his other dog have become inseparable and cries when not together.

Gregg D. \$1 for new members and \$1 for last Wed. night social at Newicks with over 30 Rotarians.

Jay S. \$1 for Newicks and \$25 out of \$50 to celebrate his 50th anniversary 2 days early – the balance next week???

Jim V. \$2 for new members, \$1 for yard sale at Vet. Hall, and \$1 for debt ceiling crisis ending and choosing to go to France for 5 weeks.

Montana F. for being new member.

Jonathan N. \$1 for grandmother and cousin visit and \$1 for museum fundraiser.

Phil R. for his momentous 53rd wedding anniversary yesterday – he began the day wearing a t-shirt with the saying “get out of jail”, a wife that had to get finger printed (for a good cause) and a TV cable system out of work all evening and finding out, next day, the dog had unplugged it. Happy Day!

50/50 Raffle: Gregg D. drew the chance at the jackpot of \$487 but alas...no luck!

June Birthdays:

Jim V. Jun 01

Mike B. Jun 15

Kathy F. Jun 24

Cindy I. Jun 28

June Anniversaries:

Sheila T. 6 years

Phil R. 39 years

Rebecca J. 7 years