



**Mar. 27, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15**

Pres. Kathy welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover at the Brunch Club

**Initial announcements were made about:**

---**Thursday, April 4 Senior Visit at Maple Suites** ---Bingo session from 3-4pm. Plus blood pressure clinic by Cornerstone VNA. Interact students will be attending, and all club members are invited. Melissa L. is coordinating and is sending around a sign-up sheet.

---**Saturday, April 20 District 7780 Assembly at Westbrook (ME) High School.** Marion encourages all to attend this informative session from 8am to 1pm. The \$35pp cost is being picked up by our club. Carpools will be arranged.

--- **Saturday, June 29 District Conference on Star Island.** Ferry from Portsmouth at 8:50am (be there by 8:15), followed by four hours of programs and activities (for kids too) on the island. The changeover will occur also that day with Marion voted off the island! Ferry home at 2:50pm, arrival 3:50pm, perhaps to be followed by dinner/drinks in Portsmouth (TBD). Cost ca. \$50 per person, includes conference, boat trip and parking fees.

---**Saturday, May 4 Meal Packing Project at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Hall.** Through the Outreach Project, members will assemble 1600 non-perishable food packages (enough for 10,000 meals) and distribute them to local food pantries. President Kathy will send out Sign-Up Genius to collect Rotary volunteers to work from 12-3.

---**Saturday, April 27 Don't Trash Dover partners with Dover Rotary at the new Skatepark.** Trash collection from 9:30—10:30am followed by ribbon cutting and dedication at 11am of the outdoor shelter/educational classroom structure donated to the City by Rotary. This will be dedicated to Gary Bannon for his 34 years of work for City's recreation department. (Shhh! Don't tell Gary...it's a secret!) There will be cake!

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Meetings:

**Apr. 3:** Harry Cheney will discuss NEPET

**Apr. 10:** Amy Rich- Reach for the Top Therapy Services

**Apr. 17:** TBD

**Apr. 24:** Club Assembly

Events:

**April 4:** Senior Visit – Maple Suites, 3-4 pm

**April 20:** District Assmblly – Westbrook

**April 27:** Don't Trash Dover event at Dover Skatepark, 9:30 a.m. followed by ribbon cutting of Dover Rotary Pavilion

**May 4:** Meal Packaging

**May 24:** Centennial, CCC, 6 pm  
*"Party like it's 1924"*

**June 29:** District Conference – Star Island, ferry leaves Portsmouth at 8:50

## Program: Club Assembly

**Shoe and Boot**---Nick has received a request from a senior citizen, so it's not just kids who need footwear.

**Milk & Egg**---Cate reports that Our Daily Bread food pantry is no longer a pilot program but is now a regular part of the coupon distribution network.

**Vocational Training & Tools**---Jim M. is fulfilling a request from a DHS Cosmetology teacher whose students are repairing and refurbishing wigs for cancer patients. Our \$1800 donation will allow the purchase of a wig dryer for eight wigs to facilitate this project.

**Foundation**---Jim M. notes that donations are lagging and reminds members of his \$750/\$250 match to attain Paul Harris level donorship. It was suggested that we donate raffle receipts and Happy Bucks money to the Foundation in the coming year.

**Interact**---Phil R. hopes to recruit Interact students to help with Meal Packing hands-on project.

**100 Year Celebration**---Noreen passed out invitations to our May 24 gala at the Cochecho Country Club. RSVP by May 15 and please let Noreen know of others to invite. Once you've RSVP'd, information will be sent to collect payment (\$75pp).

**Student of the Month**---The award was given out this morning to a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Dover Middel School. This is always a joyous occasion and members are urged to attend!

**International**---Gregg D. reported on his Poland itinerary to Warsaw, Krakow, Zakopane, and Lublin and efforts to help Ukrainian children in Poland and a visit to a Recovery Home. Gregg also said that 7780 has 29 international projects, some new, some older, including the healthy kitchens, kidney disease education, and the kidney transplant projects led by Chapala Sunrise, Mexico (Harvey Bernier), the Bridgton Lakes aquaponics project in Colombia, the Saco Bay sunrise literacy project in Uganda, and a possible mental health project in Poland. Gregg mentioned that the International Café Zoom will be next held on April 6 if people want to learn more. Our own club's International Committee will meet via Zoom on **Tuesday, April 2 at 7pm**. All are invited!

**Literacy**---Marion will meet next week with Dover Schools Literacy Director Jennifer Krans about future projects.

**RYLA**---Phil R. explains that only 25 students have signed up for RYLA Camp thus far. They are looking for 100 participants from throughout the district. Phil urges anyone who knows a high school sophomore to speak to their guidance counselor to apply. The student does not have to be an Interact member.

### Happy Bucks:

\$2 from **Malcolm M.** for Vi's attendance today and for Nick P. always noticing his socks.

\$1 from **Jim M.** for his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

\$1 from **Gregg D.** for the Student of the Month presentation.

\$1 from **Nick P.** for his son's discovery of the Teen Center and the affable Steve Pappajohn.

\$5 from **Noreen B.** for her granddaughter's admiration of Steve P. also.

\$2 from **Melissa L.** for Portsmouth Rotary's Rotoplast project in India and for her Little Sister Lani's life-size Peep pillow.

\$1 from **Harry C.** for his PETS conference with 415 other attendees from 7 Rotary districts and his embracing of "The Magic of Rotary" theme.

\$1 from **Cate R.** to include her 20-year-old niece in the Steve P. fan club.

\$5 from **Steve P.** in gratitude for the comments and also for the Teen Center support by Rotary.

\$2 from **Marion C.** for attendance at the Portsmouth Rotoplast meeting and for the South Berwick/Eliot Geography Bee.

The drawing for The Brunch Club Gift Card was won by Noreen B.!

**March Birthdays:**

Bob R. Mar. 5  
Mike D. Mar. 6  
Naila A. Mar. 14  
Jim M. Mar. 26

**March Anniversaries:**

Gary D. 23 years  
Mike B. 19 years  
Ron R. 14 years  
Ute L. 13 years  
Jim V. 13 years  
Gregg D. 8 years  
Megan K. 4 years