

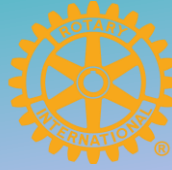
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

Mar. 18, 2026

President Cathy welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, NH.

Cathy's Book Recommendation: President Cathy spoke about *Always Ireland: An Insider's Tour of the Emerald Isle* by Jack Kavanagh

Community Giving Grants: A check for \$1000 was presented to Jane Yun, Dover HS in support of Community Leadership Education Workshop. This is a program supporting Hugh O'Brian Youth leadership. Tina Saltmarsh, My Breast Cancer Support, was presented with a check for \$1,750 in support of cancer patients at hospitals throughout the seacoast area.

Program: Titus Dawson, Corporate Support Manager for NH PBS

Titus Dawson presented a comprehensive review of NH Public Broadcasting System including its history, programming, community efforts, and future. He offered a moment of silence in memory of Cliff Blake, a longtime Dover resident and NH PBS staff member. A new sound booth for the PBS studio will soon be dedicated in his honor.

Titus explained that his efforts are meant to inspire and connect corporations and individuals to the mission of NHPBS. Currently NH PBS has 31,400 members with 51% being Sustaining Members. Founded in 1959 and operating as Channel 11, it was rebranded in 2018 as NH PBS after losing state funding support. In 2025 PBS nationally lost \$1.3 million in federal funding. The loss of revenue and the need for sustainability has resulted in more corporate support, more community connections, and civic engagement through compelling and relevant programs and services.

NH PBS operates five towers throughout New Hampshire which also produce rental revenue for the system. With increased exposure, Amber Alerts can reach statewide, programming becomes available in remote areas of the state, and PBS reaches more homes across the state.

Titus reviewed program offerings including educational programming such as Nature Works, Granite State Challenge, Ken Burns productions, Our Hometown and Kids Club. Educational programming resulted in an

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Apr. 1: Broadway - Darin Roark, WDH President & COO
Apr. 1: PR Committee: 11:00 a.m.

Events:

Mar. 24: Mitten Making, 9 - noon
Mar. 26: End 68 Hours: 8 a.m.
Mar. 31: New Member Recruitment Meeting, 8- 9:30 Broadway – bring guests!!!
Apr. 3: South Berwick Eliot Geography Bee, 6 - 8 p.m.
Apr. 11: Shredding event, 9 – noon
Apr. 11: Dist. Opportunity Workshop: Westbrook, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Jun 11: Community Resource Exchange, 9:30, Dover Library

Visiting Rotarian: AG Pam Gray, Rotary Club of Kittery

Guests: Alicia Cuttle, guest of Pam Gray; Matt Doane, John Hall, guests of Ken P. Jane Yun, Dover High School; Tina Saltmarsh, My Breast Cancer Support, Robb Clemens

Pledge: Pres. Cathy

4-Way Test: Ken P.

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impressive 21,000 educational experiences reaching an audience of 192,000 individuals per week. On demand streaming through PBS Passport and access to traditional PBS shows such as Masterpiece Theater, Call the Midwife, Miss Scarlett and All Creatures Great and Small make NH PBS a bargain worth supporting.

Announcements:

- **Bingo:** Ken P. reported that Bingo has continued to be up and down. We have had some good weeks with attendance and sales and then some slow weeks. We will continue to monitor.
- **PR Committee:** Rob G. reported for the committee. The next meeting will be April 1st. The committee is working on developing an elevator speech. The video is complete and can be viewed on YouTube and www.doverrotary.com. We are looking for volunteers interested in helping with the website. We will also be organizing a grants committee.
- **Milk and Egg Committee:** Cathy B. reported that Cate R. has stepped down after many years as chair. Becky C., Mike S., and Rod B. have stepped up to coordinate the program. We also received a \$3000 donation from Jane Kaufmann, Becky's Mom, in support the program.
- **Garrison Players:** Yulia R. mentioned three upcoming shows of *Jekyll and Hyde* at Garrison Players that Rotarians may wish to attend in honor of Tom Dunnington. Contact Yulia for details.
- **United Way Day of Caring:** Beth F. informed the club of an upcoming Day of Caring on May 15th. The club participated last year, and she is getting the details regarding this year's event and will share the info with the club as the date approaches.
- **Dictionary Distribution:** Harry C. reminded members the club will be distributing dictionaries at Garrison Elementary School Thursday, March 19th and Rotarians are invited to help with the distribution.
- **Geography Bee:** Cathy B. reported that we will once again enter a team in the South Berwick-Eliot geography bee scheduled for April 3rd at the Great works School in South Berwick. Gregg D. and Cathy will be joined by two Dover High School students to represent our club. Proceeds will be donated to a global grant project.
- **District Opportunity Workshop:** Cathy B. reminded members of the upcoming District Opportunity Workshop (formerly District Learning assembly) to be held at Westbrook High School on April 11th. Steve P. has arranged for a van for transport, and the club will pay the admission fee for all members wishing to attend.
- **Interact Shred Event:** Phil R. informed the club that the Dover HS Interact Club would be holding their Shred event on Saturday, April 11th at St Johns Church parking lot from 9:00-Noon.

Happy Bucks:

- **Nancy B.** for Dover HS Students of the Week identified in Foster's and for NHPBS.
- **Jim M.** for My Breast Cancer Support.
- **Cathanne P.** for Dictionary Distribution and NH PBS.
- **Nick P.** for NH PBS and Lions Indoor Golf Tournament.
- **Harry C.** for our guests and NH PBS presentation.
- **Noreen B.** for Jim M. comment about NH PBS and his dog's response.
- **Gregg D.** for Rob G. and his PELS experience.
- **Jay S.** for wife's upcoming successful shoulder surgery.
- **Tina Saltmarsh** for her Rotary visit and thank you for support.
- **Johnathan N.** for growing up a PBS kid.

- **Yulia R.** for NH PBS.
- **Ron R.** for Dover Chamber after hours mixer.
- **Ken P.** for today's guests.
- **Kathy F.** for meal packing event (20,000 meals packed) and for the finished video.

50/50 Raffle: Gregg D. drew the chance to find the Queen of Clubs...no luck!

March birthdays:

Michael S. Mar. 5
Naila A. Mar. 14
Jim M. Mar. 26

March anniversaries:

Jim V. Mar. 21
Gary D. Mar. 21
Mike B. Mar. 23
Ron R. Mar. 3
Ute L. Mar. 16