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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



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March 519, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

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

Thank you to Harry C. and Marion C. for delivering lunch.

7-Day Notice:

Three new members were approved by the board for a vote by the members on Apr. 1 – Robert Gagnon, Michael Schulenberg and Vicki Harris

New member induction: Membership chair Steve P. inducted Maggie Sinclair as the club's newest member, sponsored by Marion C. Welcome Maggie!

Thank you notes were received from 90 students from Woodman Park for dictionary distribution and Dover Mental Health Alliance for a recent donation.

Yoga in Action Donation: Pres. Harry presented a check for \$1,500 to Yoga in Action work with cancer patients. Shawn Pate and Rochelle Jewel accepted the donation noting it will be used to provide free yoga classes to local cancer patients.

Program: Cathy Beaudoin shares highlights of PELS

Our President-Elect Cathy B. described the recent 3-day President-Elect Leadership Symposium (PELS) at the Sheraton Inn in Framingham, MA as "hectic and wonderful." She joined 400 attendees from 8 Rotary Districts to learn "everything you need to know about Rotary."

She attended several keynotes and breakout sessions. The DEI session focused on engaging humanity and belonging, the Foundation sessions provided information on how it works and membership sessions focused on ways to increase membership. RI President-elect MÁRIO CÉSAR MARTINS DE CAMARGO, from Bazil, discussed the six spokes of membership growth and another session entitled, Recipe for Stirring

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Apr. 2: Regular meeting – Broadway – garden plan

April 30: Quarterly Membership Meeting
Time and location to be determined

Events:

Mar. 21: DMS Student of the Month @ 11:30am – arrive at 11:15

Mar. 25: Together on Tuesday, Office Lounge, Third St Dover, **5-7 pm**

Mar. 29: International Committee Zoom, 9:30 – 11 am

Apr. 4: South Berwick Elliot Geography Bee – Gregg D. & Cathy B. will compete!

Apr. 5: District Learning Assembly, 8 am – 2 pm, Westbrook High School

Apr. 8: Senior visit, Covered Bridge, 2 pm

Guests: Robert Gagnon Micheal Schulenberg, Shawn Pate and Rochelle Jewel

Visiting Rotarians: Gary Branyan, AG and Rochester member

Today's newsletter authored by Noreen B.

the Pot, used cooking imagery to focus on cultivating membership. Participants were given aprons and spice packets with labels of the six spokes of membership – Cathy’s packet was labeled, “together” and encouraged others with the same label to get together – a way to meet new people. Cathy said, “it was very inspiring and very interesting.”

Gregg D. also attended the symposium in his role as Assistant Governor, his fifth, noting this year’s event organizers did “an outstanding job and their messages were powerful.”

Cathy displayed the theme flag for our next Rotary year (beginning in July) – ***Unite for Good.***

Announcements

Garden: Pres. Harry noted Noreen B. has agreed to chair the Garden Committee this year and hopes to have a co-chair interested in continuing as chair next year. Noreen said the City is currently repairing a portion of the stone wall in the center garden area. Thanks to Beth F.’s work on improving the garden, the club hired a garden consultant who will present an overview of this year’s plan to the membership at our Apr. 2 meeting. The goal is to incorporate more perennials in the garden along with some annuals. Several attendee, including soon to be members, raised their hands to join Noreen and Gregg D., Doug L. and others in garden duty. Jim M. also mentioned he has some compost available that could be used in the Rotary garden. Steve P. offered the teen center van for flower transport, including himself and perhaps some teens from the center. More to come.

Citizen of the Year - Beth Fischer: Pres. Harry acknowledge Beth’s recent award who in turn thanked Rotarians for their rousing cheers at the event.

20, 000 Meal Packing: Kathy F. reported last week’s meal packing event, co-sponsored by Dover Rotary and other local groups, packed 94 boxes of 36 meals – each meal pack feeds six people – over 20,000 meals! Eight local food pantries and LA’s fire victims were recipients of this year’s effort.

BOD – Pres. Harry reported the BOD discussed ways to improve the annual back pack program and the potential of working with the police department on the Day of Caring – May 16. Beth F. also said she would help organize a group of volunteers to participate in one of several day of caring projects to be announced on Apr. 1. More to come.

Spelling Bee: Gregg D. reminded all are invited to the South Berwick-Eliot Rotary’s Annual Geography Challenge on Apr. 4 at 7 pm. He will be joined by Cathy B. and two Interact students hoping to demonstrate their amazing knowledge of world geography. Funds raised will go to the Arundel Rotary Club’s Project in the Dominican Republic.

District Assembly: Marion C. said the annual District Learning Assembly will be Apr. 5, 8-2:30. The club will have van for transport to this networking/learning event. Free to all Rotarians. Contact Marion.

District Conference: AG Gary Branyan announced the District Conference will be held at the end of May at the Colony in Kennebunkport. Only 100 slots left – go the district website to sign up.

Social: Tuesday, Mar. 25 at The Office Lounge – sign up with Melissa L. – 5-7 pm

Video Project: Steve P. said the BOD approved a video project to create a 10 min. video and a shorter video as part of our club's membership recruitment efforts. More to come.

Bingo: Gregg D. said the most recent two month's profit is expected to be \$56,000 – shared four ways. More ticket counters always needed!

Happy Bucks:

Cathy B. for new car and taking 3 days to figure out how to turn off rear windshield wipers

Rod D. for Rotary projects

Steve P. \$5 for 3 new members, Maggie's induction, and a few days in Florida.

Doug L. \$2 for new members

Cindy I. \$3 for Yoga in Action, PELS, and RYLA

Kathy F. \$5 for Yoga in Action, Meal Packing and new members

Gregg D. \$1 for championship basketball game in Lowell and team coached by a cousin.

Marion C. \$5 for new members and Kathy F.

Nancy B. for Dover HS Student of the Week from Interact

Jim M. for wife's new car and their son's inheriting her old car

Harry C. \$5 for Yoga in Action, new members and Nancy

50/50 Raffle: \$1217. Gregg got the chance but missed the card. Pot grows!