

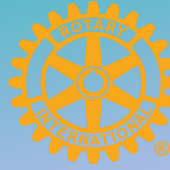
# BING

Newsletter

# Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



# UNITE FOR GOOD

**Mar. 4, 2026**

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

**Cathy's Book Recommendation:** *Frostlines: A Journey Through Entangled Lives and Landscapes in a Warming Arctic* by Neil Shea - A sweeping exploration of the Arctic—and how it's being transformed by climate change.

## Program: Dover PD Chief David Terlemezian

Six months into his new position, Dover PD Chief David Terlemezian presented an overview of his department where he has served since 1996. Born in Framingham, MA and graduated from UNH, completing a major in political science. Prior to becoming chief, he served as an officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain for 15 years, noting Gary D. has served longer (18 years) and always reminds him.

The department is authorized for 56 officers with a current count of 49 and also employs 43 civilians (such as Steve P.). They received 32,000 calls for service, made 9,000 motor vehicle stops and the biggest complaint is about traffic, speeding and road rage.

Most of the department's activity centers on social service calls – welfare checks, mental health checks and dealing with the homeless. The Chief's goal is to maintain the department's professionalism and accreditation, improve training, and to hire the best and brightest.

Resisting the trend of other agencies, he said they will continue to have real staff answer calls and will not use a phone tree system.

Dover PD's greatest challenge is hiring and will soon be holding a recruitment session at the department busing UNH students to the event replacing the usual single table at a wider recruitment day held at the university.

The Chief hopes to instill community trust in the PD and be as approachable as possible. In addition to hiring, his challenges include grant funding which is unpredictable and many positions in the department

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Meetings (12:15 pm):

**Mar. 18:** Broadway - Dover PD

### Events:

**Mar. 6:** Mugs Make a Difference, 5:30 – 7 p.m. \$30 per ticket – 66 Third Street

**Mar. 11:** Rice & Beans Packing: noon-6 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, contact Kathy F.

**Mar. 13:** Senior Visit - Silver Squares, 3 – 4 p.m.

**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

**Guests:** Jeff Jackson, Eversource  
**Pledge:** Pres. Cathy

**4-Way Test:** Beth F.

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are grant funded. He noted Wentworth-Douglass Hospital recently donated \$200,000. He also praised the work of the Dover Mental Health Alliance.

## Q & A

Will the mounted police return?

No – despite volunteer involvement, the costs were too high and the program was inefficient.

What are they doing about sex trafficking?

The problem is complex and they are working with federal and state partners to shut the site down.

Do they wear body cams? Yes

What about ICE?

We will work with them as we do with any federal agency and will not deputize ice officers. Dover police do not ask about citizenship or status when dealing with community members.

## Announcements:

- Thank yous - from the Girl Scouts for our recent donation and another for our donation of \$8,000 to support the meal packing event on Mar. 11 that will pack 20,000 meals.
- **Checks received:** Hannaford sent a check for \$108 – proceeds from their recent bag program and REVO sent a check for proceeds from their charitable gaming days for \$55,498!!!
- **Bingo:** Gregg D. said last week had 87 players, sold 13 boxes
- **PR Committee:** Beth F. asked members to be in a photo to promote the club's partnership with Eversource as thanks for installing Rotary signs on its poles entering the city. She also mentioned discussing potential partnerships and grants with other local businesses and the need for members to help with grants. Kendra L. volunteered.
- **Community Resource Exchange Meeting:** Pres. Cathy noted a Community Resource Exchange meeting will take place on June 11 at the newly renovated Library in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room at 9:30 a.m. More info to come.
- **Milk & Egg Committee:** Pres. Cathy is looking for a new chair of the committee and current chair Cate R. will be available to train and support. Contact Cate.
- **Scholarship Committee:** Norm H. reported applications are now at each school - PCA, St. Thomas Aquinas and Dover H.S. The committee will meet near the end of April or early May via zoom – if interested in joining contact Norm.
- **International Committee:** Gregg D. noted the committee would meet that evening and is considered a request for a grant to support a medical clinic in Mexico.
- **Meal packing:** Mar. 11, noon to 6 p.m. Kathy F. is looking for a meal delivery person at 5:30 and someone to help with unloading heavy boxes prior to noon. Contact Kathy.
- **Mitten making:** Mar. 25, 9 – noon.
- **End 68 Hours:** Mar. 26, 8 a.m.
- **Membership Info Meeting:** Mar. 31, 8 a.m. Broadway
- **South Bewick Eliot Geography Bee:** April. 3, 6 – 8 p.m. Great Works School, Rt. 236
- **District Opportunity Workshop:** Apr. 11, in Westbrook, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Let Cathy B. know if you plan to attend, club will pay fee and Steve P. will use his van for transport.
- **Shredding event:** Apr. 11, 9 to noon.

### Happy Bucks:

- **Jenn M.** for Dover police
- **Kendra L.** for Dover police and sunshine
- **Rod B.** for going to Costa del Sol in April
- **Norm H.** for part-time work busier than full-time
- **Nick P.** for investment event on Mar. 14
- **Melissa L.** for 16 sleeps before trip and Dover police
- **Nancy B.** for student of the week
- **Harry C.** for Marion returning from India
- **Doug L.** for Sandy Hill light show and WDH care of his wife and her new knee
- **Gregg D.** for Dover police, Marion, and Portland Rotary's flags for heroes event
- **Jay S.** for long story about a trip to Jacksonville, Florida, a missed bus connection, finding a fellow passenger who was a neighbor and got a ride. Not sure if it was when he was coming or going, but all ended well.
- **Beth F.** for Dover police
- **Rob G.** for Dover police, college kid coming home and upcoming PELS event

### 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