

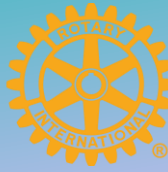
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Newsletter

## Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



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OF ROTARY

### March 5, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

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

### Program: Kerry Folkins, Community Engagement Director for Granite United Way & Vicki Harris of Granite Youth Alliance

Kerry gave us a bit of information about Granite United Way. They cover 39 towns in NH and all funding comes through undesignated donations to the United Way (donations can be designated to a specific United Way beneficiary). United Way has changed their funding model and now disperses funds 3 times per year. In the last cycle they gave \$42k to 7 non-profits. Their focus is on tackling urgent needs. Granite United Way also runs NH's 211 program.

Vicki is with Granite Youth Alliance (and Dover PD) which receives funding from Granite United Way. They are a youth-led coalition that supports learning and healthy living with a focus on substance use prevention and mental health. Students are from 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The program was started 12 years ago and was based on Dover's evidence-based Youth-to-Youth program. They take a Knowledge/Skills/Action approach with the youth. There are 7 Action Teams which are student-led with adult support. The teams meet weekly after school. They plan and implement activities in 1 of 4 areas: Community Awareness, Education, Policy Change & Media. Each fall they hold a day-long conference which allows all of the action teams to work together. In the Spring they hold a film festival that features short films made by the students. This year's event will be held on June 2 @ Portsmouth Music Hall and is open to the

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings (12:15 pm):

Mar. 19: Broadway

April 30: Quarterly Membership Meeting

#### Events:

Mar. 12: Food Packing, 12 – 7 pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Mar. 18: BOD, Dover Chamber, 12:30 pm

Mar. 18: DMS Student of the Month @ 8:30am

Mar. 21: DMS Student of the Month @ 11:30am

Mar. 25: **Together on Tuesday**, Office Lounge, Third St Dover, 6PM

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. Christine Wellington, Kerry Folkins & Vicki Harris

**Visiting Rotarians:** Vicky Gray from Rochester Club

**Greeter:** Cate R.

*Today's newsletter authored by Cate R.*

public. One of the films is selected to be part of NH Day at the annual Film Festival held at the Portsmouth Music Hall.

Additional info from Q&A: Granite United Way has opportunities for hands on projects on May 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Caring. They are also hosting a baby shower in October and will need support with prep, set up and, clean up. They will host an early literacy program for 3 – 5-year-olds in June or July. United Way grants must fall under one of 4 pillars and demonstrate an urgent need.

**New Member Induction!** Cathanne Potvin was welcomed to the club by Steve P. and “pinned” by her sponsor Melissa L. **Welcome Cathanne!!**

**Paul Harris Fellows:** Jim M. recognized Jay S., Gregg D. (+5) and Malcolm M. Thanks to all for your generous support of our Foundation! Jim also auctioned off some rare Paul Harris bling – congrats to Harry who had the winning bid at \$500! (We hope to see you wearing it soon)

**Would you like to donate to the Rotary Foundation? There are 4 easy ways:**

1. Participate in the \$2.00 club by giving Phil R. an extra \$2.00 when you attend a meeting
2. Give Phil or Gregg a check to submit on your behalf
3. Add “extra” to your check when paying your annual dues
4. Go to Rotary.org and click the donate button in the upper right corner.

Jim also shared that March is **Women in Rotary Month** and acknowledged the benefit women have brought to Rotary since being permitted to join. He also passed around a letter of thanks we received from CAPSC for our support of the homeless in our community.

**Donation Approved:** Ryan Crosby recently spoke to our club and asked that we donate \$8000 to fund 8 students from Dover Housing to attend camp in Moultonborough this summer. (This is a lower rated that he negotiated). Pres. Harry said that this was supported by the Board and required a club vote. The motion was made by Jay S. and seconded by Beth F. It passed without objection. Money for this donation will come from a combination of this year’s funds and unspent funds from last fiscal year.

**Visioning:** Steve P. & Cate R. thanked the club for participating in Visioning and explained that we will tackle those items that got the most votes in our session. Our April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will dig deeper in to some of the areas raised at that event.

**Volunteers Needed:**

- We are looking for volunteers to be part of our Club’s PR Committee (Contact Cate or Steve)
- We are looking for volunteers to part of our New Member Orientation Committee (Contact Cate or Steve)
- We are looking for a volunteer to lead our Rotary Garden efforts (Contact Harry)

- March 12: Meal Packing Event (Contact Kathy F.)
- April 8: Senior Visit at Covered Bridges 2:00 – 3:00 (Contact Melissa L.)

**The Chamber Gala** is being held on March 13 and will honor our very own **Beth Fisher as Dover Citizen of the Year!** Congrats Beth on your well-deserved recognition. Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Dover Chamber.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- March 18: DMS Student of the Month @ 8:30am
- March 21: DMS Student of the Month @ 11:30am
- March 25: Club Social @ The Office Lounge at 6:00 pm
- April 4: South Berwick Elliot Geography Bee – Gregg D. & Cathy B. will compete!
- April 30: Quarterly Membership Meeting

#### **Happy Bucks:**

- Cate R. for Beth F. and Tom D. (Cards for Tom D. can be sent to 230 Washington St., Dover, NH 03820)
- Marion C. \$20 for Beth F, Cathanne and upcoming PELS
- Doug L. \$5 for Beth and the return of a family of eagles!
- Cathanne P. \$5 for the great PT her daughter is getting at The Works after a torn ACL
- Melissa L. \$5 for Cathanne, Beth & 3 sleeps until Puerto Rico
- Noreen B. for PELS, our speakers & Beth
- Jay S. for his Paul Harris and the exceptional female leaders he has met through Rotary
- Cindy I. for Beth
- Gregg D. for the Student of the Month & for being Cathy's chaperone at PELS

**50/50:** Steve P. drew the 10 of Diamonds – we are down to 10 cards!! The pot grows.