

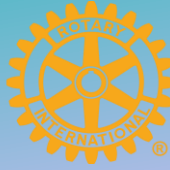
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

May 20, 2026

President Cathy welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club of Dover and invited all to partake in the chef's salad spread she had prepared.

Cathy's book suggestion: *Mattering* by Jennifer Wallace was recommended as a good read especially in our current environment.

New member induction:

President Cathy inducted new member Ron Walton and welcomed him to the club.

Program: Marion the Rotarian

Our own Marion Cheney, Past District Governor, Club Secretary and world traveler, recently had the honor of representing District 7780 on the India Exploratory Trip. Marion explained this type of trip is unique to District 7780 and is intended to connect Rotarians in our district with Rotarians and their worthwhile projects around the world. Recent trips have included Kenya, the Philippines, Poland, Zambia, Columbia, and Romania. The next planned trip is to Belize in 2027.

Our team of four Rotarians arrived after a long journey to Bangalore at 3:00 AM and was greeted by their host families, treated to an American/Indian traditional breakfast and warmly welcomed. They were presented with traditional Indian clothing for their visit. Marion was introduced as the guest speaker at their first club visit and the host club was amazed at the number of projects and involvement of our members in service projects.

Bangalore is known as a city of gardens and Marion's slide show included the Rotary Garden. Visits to a Spice Market, a Cocoon Market and a Breast Milk Bank were informative and interesting. Over 40% of the world's silk is produced here. Marion noted that Rotary signage is prominent and highly visible. They are proud of their accomplishment and the support provided to the community by Rotary.

Projects supported by Rotary included a Cardio-vascular Hospital, A Cataract Surgical unit, and a Dialysis Hospital. She described Space and STEM projects, a food program that has fed over 5 million children, and a Women's Empowerment Project that provides cows to single mothers enabling them to feed and

**Upcoming
Meetings & Events**

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Jun. 3: Broadway, program TBD

Jun. 17: Broadway, club assembly

July 1: Changeover, Newicks, 5 p.m.
(no noon meeting)

Events:

May 28: 68 Hours of Hunger
Packing, 8-9 a.m.

Jun. 9 & 10: NHGives – supports
Milk & Egg Fund

Jun 11: Convening the Givers,
9 – 11 a.m., St. Thomas

Jun. 16, BOD, 12:30, Broadway

Pledge: Pres. Cathy

4-Way Test: Robb C.

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support their families. All are projects supported by Rotary and several will soon to be supported by District 7780. She informed the club that this visit has resulted in over \$220,000 in Global Grants. Our club has pledged \$6000 in support for the Dialysis Hospital, the Cataract program, and the Women's Empowerment Project. Two cows, named Marion and Harriet are now supporting families in India as a result.

Marion spent an additional week in India touring and sightseeing. She mentioned she witnessed areas of extreme wealth, but also incredible poverty. She said it was a powerful experience and an honor and a privilege to be part of this journey.

Updates and Reports:

Bingo: The joint Bingo Committee of the four clubs will meet to discuss the current state of bingo and how we need to proceed given the changing environment. Our committee will report back to the club.

Garden: Noreen B. thanked all who joined in the planting of the Rotary Garden this past weekend, including purchasing, transporting, preparing and planting the garden. This is a signature project for Dover Rotary and the turnout of Rotarians was great to see.

PR: Beth F. reported that the committee is working on a Donate button for Club Runner through PayPal and we will also participate in NH Gives. She also displayed Rotary Bags which will be used for our "Convening the Givers" event on June 11th.

Scholarship: Norm H. announced the committee has completed its review of applicants and will award a \$10,000 scholarship and four \$1500 scholarships this coming graduation season. Gary DeCofemacker will represent the club at the awards ceremonies.

Dover Adult Learning: Cathy B. announced the DALC will hold its graduation on June 16th, and our club supports that activity as well.

Willand Pond Cleanup: A day of service activity will be held this coming Saturday at Willand Pond. Please bring gloves and dress appropriately for this activity expected to run from 9:00 AM -10:30 AM. This has become an annual community service project for our club.

CPR Hands Only: The Strafford County Sheriff's Dept. hosted a Hands Only CPR training this past Thursday and 15 Dover Rotarians and spouses participated in the training. This is in conjunction with our education and awareness project on Heart Health. We are completing a District Grant which will enable us to purchase and install 4 AED units in our community, including one in the building in which we meet.

Student of the Month: The next SOM award will be held at Dover Middle School at noon on Friday, May 29th. Please gather in the school office by 11:45 AM.

Non-Profit Summit: "Convening the Givers" will be held at St. Thomas Church on June 11th and is intended to bring together organizations that provide support throughout the community. Our goal is to share information, identify needs, and form potential alliances among the organizations meeting the needs of Dover residents.

Club Assembly: President Cathy is planning a club assembly for the June 17 meeting. She has asked committee chairs to prepare brief reports on this year's activities and accomplishments, as well as plans for next year.

Changeover: The Dover Rotary Club Changeover will be held at Newick's at Dover Point on Wednesday, July 1st. Rob G., will become club President and we will thank Cathy B. for her outstanding service to the club this past year.

Happy Bucks:

Gregg D. happy to have seen grandson Cooper receive the "Living Fierce Award at the Maine Heart association walk in Portland this past weekend and thank you to the gardeners!

Harry C. happy to give \$54.00 in celebration of anniversary with Marion. And welcome to Ron W.

Jay S. happy just because.

Noreen B. Thanks for the gardeners and happy to recognize granddaughter's solo performance in Dover HS concert..

Phil R. happy that spouse Donna won the \$10,000 Chamber of Commerce Raffle.

Pam S. happy to be back from FL and proud to be part of this club.

Jim V. was delighted to be part of the Rotary Club of Dover.

Marion C. Fifty-four years later...still hitched to Harry.

Cate R. Thank you for Marion's presentation and recognized new and long-time members. Also, for first visit to Nantucket and thank you to the gardeners.

50/50 Raffle: Doug L. won the chance to draw the Queen of Clubs...no luck this time!