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Newsletter

# Rotary Dover, NH Doing good. Very good!



# May 21, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

Past-President Noreen B. welcomed all to The Rotary Club of Dover – the greatest Rotary Club in the world!

**Flag Presentation:** Noreen presented a Dover Rotary flag to Maggie Sinclair's dad, Neil Sinclair, a Rotarian from the Hudson River, NY area.



Donation Presentation: Jay S. presented a check for \$800 to Monique Deforge and Meredith Brustin from The Children's to support the Makers Fair which will be held at the museum and Henry Law Park on June 7, 2025 10:30 am-3 pm.

# Program: The Aplomb Project: Danielle Festa, Exec. Dir.

Danielle Festa, founder of the Aplomb
Project, gave an inspirational and often
emotional presentation about her Dover nonprofit organization that focuses on the
transformational power of art to uplift
traumas survivors regardless of the type
trauma incurred. Her slide show and video
depicted the joy of survivors and even
highlighted her own journey surviving breast



cancer. Her new center will soon be opening next door to Wing-itz on Central Avenue. For more information visit the <u>Aplombproject</u> in Dover, NH. Link to video she

showed https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEpY5cQ0dgg&authuser=0

# Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Jun. 4: Broadway, speaker TBA Jun. 18: Broadway, speaker TBA

**Events:** 

May 20: BOD, 12:30, Chamber May 31: Dist. Conference, 9 am

-9 pm

Colony Hotel, Kennepunkport

\$125

June 3: Senior Visits: Silver

Square 3-4 pm

June 7: Willand Pond Clean up

June 14: Rotary Garden

weeding

June 18: PR Committee, 1:30

pm

June 25: Changeover - location

TBD

**Guests:** Rotarian Neil Sinclair, Danielle Festa, Meredith Burstin and Monique Deforge

Pledge: Noreen B. 4-Way Test: Maggie S.

Today's newsletter authored by Beth F.

### **Announcements:**

**Budget:** Gregg D. reported the 2025/26 budget process is underway and was presented to the board of directors. Club members will receive it in June. Minor reclassification of accounts has been implemented to clarify the budget. Fund balance \$398,061, some in an Edward Jones and some in cash.

**Bingo:** Revenue is above the 2024/25 budget projections, but sales of boxes have recently dropped. Not sure why- new Casino, concerns about the economy? Lately, selling 20 boxes per week, down from 30-38 boxes. Durham is still in the mix but may switch out to per-diem.

**Rotary Garden:** Noreen reported the garden was installed on May 17 by and with the aid of Gregg D., Gary D., Noreen B., Beth F., Cathy B., Ken P., Rob G., Steve P., Cate R., Doug L., and Frank C. as well as several vendors and the city of Dover Community Service workers. Truly a team effort. Plan to come June 14 and help weed.

**Vocational Training & Tools Grant**: Jim M. reported that the Dover High CTC center will hold their graduation recognition event on May 22 at 8:30 am. The scholarship program for tools and supplies for people going into the trades is underutilized the current budget.

**New Member Committee**: Marion C. has agreed to chair the committee. The Buddy program is being designed to engage new members. Focusing on not only inclusive efforts but also helping people feel that they belong. Anyone interested in joining the committee, contact Marion.

**Day of Caring event**: Dover Rotarians, Jim V., Maggie S., Frank C., Cathanne P., and Beth F. joined volunteers from Lonza, Lincoln Financial, and Lydell to help at My Friends Place during the Greater Seacoast 2025 United Way Day of Caring on May 16.

**Dues invoices:** Dues invoices for 2025/26 will be sent out by June 1. Please pay by June 30, as payment is due to Rotary International based on the club's census.

**PR and Marketing**: The committee met on May 7 and divided up the tasks. Beth F, is convening the group. Maggie S. will work with Melissa L. to link Facebook with Instagram. Greg D. has set up a LinkedIn account. Other tasks are underway- **Next meeting June 18, 1:30 pm**. All are welcome.

**Tech help needed**: Kathy F. is interested in having tech help for the meetings as she will be gone part of the summer- Will train. Contact Kathy.

50/50 Raffle: Ed. had the winning raffle ticket but the winner- 3 cards left. Over \$1300 in the pot.

## May Birthdays:

Vickie G. May 5 Beth F. May 18 Ute L. May 22 Ron R. May 29

# May Anniversary:

Malcolm M. 43 years Bob R. 36 years Marion C. 35 years Terrie H. 10 years