



May 22, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy F. welcomed all to the Dover Rotary Club and thanked lunch providers: Cindy I. and Nick P.

Club Assembly

Bingo: Gregg D. reported 33 boxes of tickets sold last week with over 100 players. The Rotary groups will be meeting to soon to review progress and address a few glitches. Of all the club our Dover club is lacking participation and currently have only 18 or so members of our 52 member club working bingo. More help is needed! The profit for the last two months was about \$6,700 per club. Dover’s projected revenue was \$60,000 and so far we are on track. All Dover members will soon receive a letter strongly encouraging them to help out at Bingo – our major and only fundraiser!!! Cindy I. offered a few ideas to help boost participation including going back to teams. Gregg noted they will be part of the discussion at the upcoming meeting with all clubs.

Kids Closet – Gregg noted there have been no further requests this year and have spent \$13,000 of the \$20,000 budget.

Student of the Month: Gregg said this “really great program” has one more presentation in May and will continue next school year with the possible addition of a similar program at the high school.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

May 29: No lunch meeting – garden planting at 4 pm followed by social at new Wing-Itz

June 5: Member induction: Sandy Tucker

June 12: Silver Square Throwdown BBQ, 12 noon, \$10 pp. **Those who plan to attend MUST! call Silver Square to pre-register: 603-570-9390.**

June 18: The June Board Meeting will be at The Nook. The Board will meet next week Tuesday at 12:30 at the Chamber of Commerce conference room. All are welcome.

June 19: Roge and Liz Fagen, LaRomana DR audiology project

June 25 (Tuesday): Club Changeover, Newicks 5-7 – **no meeting June 26**

Events:

May 24: Centennial, CCC, 6 pm “Party like it’s 1924”

May 30: Senior Visit, Maple Suites, 3-4 pm

June 29: District Conference – Star Island, ferry leaves Portsmouth at 8:50 am.

Pledge: Beth F.

4-Way Test: Melissa L.

Today’s newsletter authored by Noreen B.

International – Gregg said the club still has \$5,000 to work with and will consider a Mexico project related to a learning kitchen and a possible activity with Poland helping with a Ukrainian program.

Shoe & Boot – Nick P. distributed a spreadsheet indicating where \$55 voucher requests come from – teachers, guidance counselors, Cap, Police, - the date of request, the amount and date used at Red's Shoe Barn noting how generous Red's has been in giving discounts. The vouchers say the funds are donated by the Rotary Club of Dover, NH. Suggestions were made to support Red's and invite them to a future lunch meeting to thank them for their generosity.

Investment Committee – Nick said our funds are invested in low risk, very safe bonds, cash and stocks – is liquid and ready to rock!

Milk & Eggs – Beth F. reported for Cate R. The committee hands out about 200 cards a month for redemption at Janetos and have so far this year spent \$12,500 of the \$15,000 budget. A suggestion was made to add butter – the committee will consider.

Community Giving – Jay S. noted the committee has had 22 requests this year averaging \$1,275 per request (higher than previous years). They have approved \$12,000 to date of a \$13,000 budget. The funds are available to local, non-profits for projects (not annual fundraising) and they must complete an application outlining how the funds will be used.

Vocational Training & Tools – Jim M. sent a note describing the recent CTE Signing Ceremony and the touching stories of students entering trades including the first girl completing the carpentry program. Our club supported 12 students with \$250 grants to cover the cost of tools needed in their careers. Jim also gave a brief speech highlighting our Rotary's work in our community.

Interact – Melissa L. reported this year's group has 35 students who participate in programs, volunteer in activities such as the Senior Visits and Shredding event (Saturday after Apple Harvest) and are currently raising money to support a Guatemalan family who have recently moved to Dover. The annual Interact banquet will be held Thursday, May 24 at 5:30, at St. John's Methodist Church in Dover.

Senior Visits – Melissa noted the next visit will be Thursday May 30, at Maple Suites at 3 pm. They have also visited Wentworth Home and Riverside Rest Home and will attend the Silver Square BBQ. Harry C. noted the Wentworth Home visit was "a lot of fun."

Centennial – Kathy said she hope to see us all there on Friday – May 24!

District Conference – Our DG Marion C. urged members to sign up for this fun day on Star Island, June 29th. Tickets available at www.Starisland.org/events. Gregg D. also urged members to support Marion and this event. Volunteers are needed to greet people at the dock. Contact Marion.

Garden – the front garden was planted in gold and blue flowers last Saturday and the back gardens will be done on Wed. May 29 at 4 pm. Followed by a gathering at Wings-Itz. All invited

Literacy – Marion is currently working with Traveling Tales on an event.

Meal Packing Follow up – Pres. Kathy noted meals were “flying off the shelves” at the Dover Food Party – it was a great event. Hopes to hold again next year.

Club Visioning – Pres. Elect Harry C. said he will be sending information about a club visioning event – a minimum of 15 and maximum of 30 members needed. It will be a great opportunity to discuss how to use our funds for important projects (Beth F. also noted it is time for our club to consider spending our savings on worthwhile programs/projects in our community). More to come.

Letter from Katrina Breen – Rotary Scholarship winner doing well in Physician Assistant Program at R.I.T. – 3.82 GPA.

Happy Bucks:

Kathy F. for finished porch - finally

Nick P. for visit to Wentworth Home and a special interaction with a woman who said she was 100 – born in 1934 – maybe she’s 90!

Jay S. for travels to Virginia to see his twin grandsons First Communion and his oldest granddaughter finish her first year of college.

Harry C. for visiting a 96-year old friend in Denver last week, who passed away this week, for lunch provided by Nick and Cindy and looking forward to his year as President – and spending more money!

50/50 Raffle: \$489, Doug Locy drew the ticket (again!) but did not pick the right card – so sorry – pot grows!

May Birthdays:

Beth F. May 18
Ute L. May 22
Ron R. May 29

May Anniversaries:

Malcolm M. 42 years
Bob R. 35 years
Marion C. 34 years
Betsey AP 24 years
Terrie H. 9 years
David K. 2 years
David B. 1 year
Brian H. 1 year
Montana F. 1 year