



May 24, 2023 – In-person & zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Megan welcomed everyone to Dover Rotary and thanked all who brought the potluck lunch today

Thanks to Marion and Harry C. for lunch.

Induction of New Members:

President Megan welcomed new members **David Barnes** and **Brian Hanson** to Rotary. David and Brian not only become members of Dover Rotary they also join Rotarians around the world who enrich their communities and provide service above self to others in their community. David and Brian join Dover Rotary and will join our ranks as individuals who exemplify the true spirit of Rotary in our public, business, social and private life.

Program – **Brendan Madden, founder of New Hampshire Coalition for the Support of Service Dogs.**

Brendan was accompanied by Michael Roscoe who assisted Brendan through his presentation. Brendan spoke of the need for all to understand the importance of service dogs and distributed cards identifying proper Service Dog Etiquette including:

Never pet a service dog; Never try to feed a service dog; Always be respectful and courteous; These are highly trained dogs, but like humans can still make mistakes.

Brendan spoke of his years with a service dog who unfortunately passed away after 14 years of service. He is awaiting another service dog to be provided by Canine Companions out of Massachusetts. Brendan explained that training a service dog takes over a year and then the dog and new owner must undergo additional training before placement. Brendan spoke of the help that his service dog provided every day as he interacted in his world. His dog could follow over 40 commands including accessing handicap door switches, finding clothes, and fetching personal items. He accompanied Brendan on his travels and even attended a Broadway play.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

May 31: No noon meeting, Social event at Newicks, 6 pm

June 7: Step up parents

June 14: Classifications

June 21: Changeover

Events:

June 24: Gundalow Trip

Guest: Kevin Quigley, Montana Foroughi, Marina Bowie, Brendan Madden and Michael Roscoe

Pledge: Jay S.

4-Way Test: Frank C.

Today's newsletter authored by Gregg D.

Brendan reported that there are over 500,000 dogs providing service to individuals in the United States, but the number is illusive because service dogs do not need to be registered in every state. Some dogs are trained in centers, many of which are located on the west coast, and some dogs are trained by their owners.

Brendan started his nonprofit to assist individuals with service dogs because needs such as veterinarian bills and necessary medicines are not funded through any insurance programs even though service dogs are necessary for quality of life for many people. He spoke of several fundraisers he has planned as he seeks to help others.

Thank You Notes:

Strafford County Community Partners sent a thank you for our contribution of \$200 in support of the Senior Citizen van which they allowed us to use for our District Training assembly.

Pope Memorial Refuge sent a thank you for the donation sent in Student of the Month, Kennedy Belair's name as her designated charity.

Announcements:

Dover high School Interact Awards banquet is scheduled for 6:00 pm, Friday, May 26th at St John's United Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Ave., Dover. All Rotarians are welcome.

District 7780 Celebration will be held on June 10th on Baily Island. The \$45.00 registration fee is not covered by the club, however if there is a need [lease contact President Megan. The fee includes dinner at Cook's lobster House, a premier seafood restaurant on the island. Registration can be made on the District 7780 website. www.district7780.org. Also, the silent auction for the event is up and running and can be accessed at <https://go.rotary7780gives.org/7780auction2023/Campaign/Details>

Committee Reports:

Bingo hosted 96 players last week and we sold 23 boxes of tickets. The May position-based sign-up is now live at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AEAF22AAF5C61-maybingo1>

Gregg D. announced that there is a meeting today at 4:00pm with Durham Great Bay, South Berwick-Eliot, and Rochester Rotary leaders to discuss a plan for joint operations of Bingo following our move to the Lilac Mall and the new company.

International Committee: Tom D. announced the meeting will be next Weds. at 5:00 PM via zoom.

Rotary Garden: Noreen B. thanked all who helped plant the flowers in the Rotary Garden this past Saturday. The flowers in the gardens are representative of the Dover 400 colors and will provide pleasure throughout the summer.

Gundalow Cruise: Beth F. announced there are still spots available on the Gundalow Cruise scheduled for June 24th. Tickets will be made available to the public on or about June 14th if not sold out to Rotarians.

Next week's Meeting:

As it is our fifth Wednesday of the month, we will not have noon meeting. However, Rotarians and guests are invited to join us in fellowship next **Weds., May 31st at Newicks in Dover Point at 6:00 pm.** This is our May social and Ed H. reported oysters are a "Buck a Shuck" on Weds, nights. See you there.

Happy Bucks:

Nick P. was happy to recognize our guest speaker and welcomed our new members to the club.

Jay S. was happy to help with the garden planting and had 2 grandfather happy bucks for upcoming granddaughter graduations.

Gregg D. was happy to recognize our speaker and for Noreen B.'s leadership in our garden project.

50/50 Raffle: Tom D. drew the chance at the jackpot, but alas...no luck!

May Birthdays:

Beth F. May 18

Ute L. May 22

Ron R. May 29

May Anniversaries:

Malcolm M. 41 years

Bob R. 34 years

Marion C. 33 years

Betsey AP 23 years

Terrie H. 8 years