

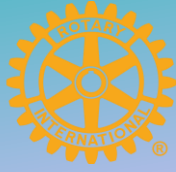
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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

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THE MAGIC
OF ROTARY

May 7, 2025 – In-person and zoom.

President Harry welcomed all to The Rotary Club of Dover meeting and thanked Nick P., Melissa L. and Cathanne P. for bringing salads and desserts for lunch.

Grant Award Presentation: President Harry introduced Brandy Houe, St. Mary Academy Head of School and presented her with a grant award of \$750 through the Community Giving Committee. Brandy thanked the club for its support and said that the award would be helpful toward their program. Also introduced and presented with an award of \$1,050 was Ashleigh Moore-Hadley, Therapist, Reach For The Top Therapy Services. Ashleigh spoke of Reach For The Top's mission and the award would be used to purchase 3 additional Apple iPads for use with speech and language therapy.

Program: Brian Nolan of NH4Ukraine

Brian spoke with the club a year ago and returned to update the club on NH4Ukraine activities over the past year. While living in Kharkiv this past year Brian has immersed himself in Ukrainian society and continued to support Ukrainians during the war with Russia. NH4Ukraine is an all-volunteer organization, and volunteers pay their own expenses, so all money raised goes directly to support the Ukrainian people. Everything they supply and distribute is sourced locally including food, dry goods, hygiene supplies and pet food.

Brian reviewed the current situation in Ukraine and their desire to ensure that the future will be secure. He discussed the historical relationship between Russia and Ukraine, mentioning the mistrust towards Russia due to events such as the Minsk accords violation when Ukraine gave up its nuclear arsenal. He also referred to the Holodomor of the 1920-30's during which one million Ukrainians were starved to death.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

May 21 - Broadway - \$10.00 lunch. A tasting and classification by member Maggie Sinclair.

Jun. 4: Broadway, speaker TBA

Jun. 18: Broadway, speaker TBA

Events:

Apr. 28: Senior Visit – Riverside, 2- 3 p.m.

May 14: Scams/Safety Training – Dover Police Department, 5:30 p.m.

May 14: Interact Banquet, 6 pm, Broadway

May 16: United Way Day of Caring

May 17: Garden Planting, 9 a.m.

May 20: BOD, 12:30, Chamber

May 31: Dist. Conference, 9 am – 9 pm Colony Hotel, Kennebunkport \$125

June 3: Senior Visits: Silver Square 3- 4 pm

June 7: Willand Pond Clean up

Guests: Mike Clement, guest of Steve Papajohn; Brandy Houle, St Mary's Academy; Ashleigh Moore-Haley, Reach For The Top Therapy Services

Pledge: Harry C.

4-Way Test: Malcolm M.

Brian showed slides and videos of his activities in Ukraine and the distribution of “humanitarian bags” delivered by NH4Ukraine. He suggested that we all can help by spreading facts about the war, reading up on history, dispelling myths, and donate when able.

Announcements:

Membership: Steve P. reported on the recent membership meeting held at REVO Casino and thanked everyone who contributed to its success. The stories that we share about the good things Dover Rotary does in the community go a long way in bringing new members to Rotary. We will hold another membership meeting soon.

Memoria: President Harry reported that the funeral notice for David Barnes was posted by Musselman Funeral Home in LeMoyné, Pennsylvania. Tribute may be posted to the funeral home’s website.

Day of Caring: Beth F. reported that several Rotarians will participate in United Way’s Day of Caring on **Friday, May 16th**. The team will be working at “My Friends Place” and helping where needed. This will take place rain or shine.

Scholarship Committee: Norm H. reported the Scholarship Committee will meet on Zoom next Tuesday at 7:30 AM. Please let Norm know if you would like to help out and join the committee.

Unhoused Committee: Jim M. announced that he is exploring two projects related to our support of the homeless and unhoused. One project involves setting up a community fridge. Jim will get more information regarding this. He is also working with an organization that produces mittens for the homeless and he will share that information as it becomes available.

Public Relations: As a result of the Club Visioning project, a Public Relations Committee has been formed, and work has begun. The next meeting is scheduled for **June 18th at 1:30 PM** in the club meeting room. All members are encouraged to help in this initiative. We need someone to help set up a club speakers bureau, oversee LinkedIn, and work on our social media. Please contact Beth to help.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee will be meeting **Tuesday, May 13th** in Nick Pellman’s office to finalize recommendations to the board for the 2025-26 budget. The budget will be presented to the BOD on May 29th and to the club in June.

Garden: It is garden planting-time once again. Noreen B. announced the garden planting will take place on **Saturday, May 17th at 9:00 AM** at the Rotary Gardens in Henry Law Park. Please come with gloves and garden hand tools to help with the planting. We will also be at Wentworth Greenhouse on Friday at 10:30 am if anyone would like to help select what we will be putting in the garden this year. Contact Noreen B. or Gregg D. if you can join us.

Senior Visits: Melissa L. announced a visit to Silver Square will be on Tuesday, **June 3rd, from 3:00-4:00 PM**. Plan on joining in the fun with our community’s senior citizens.

District Grant: Melissa L. reported the club is working on submitting a District 7780 Grant that will support the work of “End 68 Hours of Hunger”. The grant will result in the purchase and installation of a Mini-Split Heating and AC system for the food bank at St. John’s Church.

Hearing Aids: Phi R. announced that a collection box for hearing aids to be recycled will be available at the club meetings. These hearing aids will be used in the clinic in the Dominican Republic sponsored by Portland Rotary.

Interact: Phil R. announced the Interact Banquet will be held on **Wednesday, May 14th, 6:00-8:00 PM** at the Club Meeting Room. All are invited to attend and please let Phil know so he can plan the food for the banquet.

50/50 Raffle: Beth F. drew the chance at drawing the King of Clubs, but once again, no luck!

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