



**Nov. 15, 2023 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15**

President Kathy F. welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, NH. Thanks to Doug L. for picking up lunch.

**Board of Directors Nomination for 2024-25**

President Kathy presented the slate of nominations for Board of Directors 2024-25:

- President Harry Cheney
- Treasurer Gregg Dowty
- Secretary Marion Cheney
- President Elect Cathy Beaudoin
- Past President Kathy Fink
- Director Cindy Imbro
- Director Cate Rafferty
- Director Kevin Quigley
- Director Jay Stephens
- Director Nick Pellman
- Director Phil Rinaldi

President Kathy called for other nominations from the floor. None were presented. The slate will be voted on at the **Dec 5, 2023**, meeting.

**Program: Club Assembly**

**Bingo Committee:** Ken P. reported that the committee is still working out kinks with the new structure, but the operation is beginning to smooth out. He reported we hosted 80 people last week, but we sold 17 boxes. Other groups are also experiencing a decline in attendance.

**Shoe and Boot:** Nick P. reported the club has distributed vouchers to all elementary schools, the middle school, and the high school. Our budget is \$2500 and that will provide 50 pairs of shoes, boots, and athletic footwear. Red's Shoe barn continues to provide additional discounts.

**Community Giving:** Jay S. reported Community Giving Grants has experienced a busy first half of the year. Usually by this time, we have reviewed and approved about \$1200 in grants. To

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Meetings:

**Nov. 22: no meeting**

**Nov. 29:** Darin Roark, President and COO WDH Mass General

**Dec. 6:** New Hampshire Pet Aid

**Dec. 13:** Ryan Crosby DHA

**Dec. 20:** Holiday program

**Dec. 27:** no meeting

**Pledge:** Noreen B.

**4-Way Test:** Ross A.

*Today's newsletter authored by Gregg D.*

Date we have already approved \$3800. Our budget is \$13000, and we have quite a few grants requests we usually receive yet to come.

**Finance:** Nick P. reported that our accounts and portfolio is in good shape. We have moved \$76,000 from our bank account into a money market to take advantage of favorable rates. Our portfolio is very liquid and safe as we have 70% in bonds and 30% in stocks. Our target for return is 5-6% as we have purposely maintained a low risk portfolio.

**Interact:** Phil R. reported that he and Melissa L. are continuing to serve as Interact advisors and there are currently 30 members with more students being recruited. The Interact students participated in the Shred-It Evet from which they realized \$2000 in profit. They will be helping with the Chamber of Commerce Festival of Trees. The youth vote on what projects to support with their funds. Last year they supported a girl's school overseas.

**100 Year Celebration:** Kathy F. reported that the celebration will be held on May 24, 2024, the actual anniversary date of our founding. She will be putting together a committee to work on the event which will be held at Cochecho Country Club.

**Rotary Garden:** Kevin Q. thanked all who made this year a success and worked to plant, weed and maintain the garden. He noted that we need to address some maintenance issues on one of the center gardens walls and secure the Rotary sign in the front garden. He will be getting estimates on those items.

**Kid's Closet:** Gregg D. reported that we have distributed \$4000 in gift cards to Dover HS, \$2500 in cards to Dover MS and \$1500 in cards to each of the three elementary schools. The staff is very appreciative of these donations and have told us how important this program has been for students and families in need. We also delivered over 8000 snacks to the three elementary schools.

**Student of the Month:** The first student of the Month award for this year will be awarded at Dover Middle School on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We will present the student with a certificate, a Green Wave Shirt, and a \$100 gift card. We will also ask the student to identify a charity or cause they would like us to support with an additional \$100 donation.

**International Committee:** The committee is gathering more information on several support requests we have received from other Rotary Clubs in the district and from the work being done to support children in the Lake Chapala region of Mexico. We have requested more detail on the request we received.

**Literacy:** Cathy B. reported that we will be distributing books at the Festival of Trees and at the Woodman Museum's Festival of Lights. Steve P. reported that the interns from the Dover teen Center will help transport the books to the sites in Dover Teeb Center vans.

**Festival of Trees Decorating Committee:** Noreen B. reported that the committee has met and gathered the items for decorating the Rotary sponsored tree at the Chamber's Festival of Trees to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at Riverview. Anyone who would like to help is welcome beginning at Noon at the site.

**Social Committee:** Cathy B. reported that the committee is setting up a social evening at the Sandy Hill Farm Light Show in Eliot on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Anyone attending must purchase their tickets online at sandyhillmaine.com. Tickets are \$15.00 each plus a \$2.00 handling charge. Tickets go quickly and the number at any time slot is limited. If the 5:30 pm slot is full, choose the 6:00 pm slot as the 1-mile walk is on your own and we should all be on

the path together. Afterwards we plan to visit the Shipyard Brewery in Eliot. More info will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

#### **Announcements:**

**No Meeting next week:** we will not meet during Thanksgiving week. The November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting will be Potluck and Kathy will send out a sign up for bringing lunch items.

Brendan M. announced several events locally that he will be supporting along with the Coalition for Service Dogs. He announced a Holiday Bazaar in Kittery and a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Lions Club in Rollinsford. Check in with Brendan if interested.

#### **Happy Bucks:**

**Malcom M.** was happy to have attended a destination birthday party for his daughter in Costa Rica. Had a great time and it was warm!

**Brendan M.** was happy that he feels very welcome and comfortable in this club and that his latest checkup in Boston indicated health improvements.

**Phil R.** was happy with the turnout supporting Veterans and recognizing Veterans Day this past week.

**Kathy F.** was happy for a successful show at Noble HS last week and that she was able to keep 40 kids fed all week.

**50/50 Raffle:** Doug L. drew the opportunity to find the Ace for \$1029. Sorry, not this time Doug.