

# BING

Newsletter

# Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



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## Nov. 20, 2024 – In-person and zoom meeting at 12:15

President Elect Cathy B. opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Rotary Club of Dover and rang the bell for the first time.

### Program: Classification: Simon Verkaik

Simon expressed how pleased he was to be presenting this talk and wanted to share where he was from, who influenced his journey, and what his dreams for the future are. He spoke of his Dad Frank and the important lessons he learned from him. Simon started life in Connecticut where his Dad worked as an event planner and spent time in New York City, particularly with Twirl, a club in Midtown Manhattan. His Dad had a great passion for design and based many of his concepts on nature and the world around them. He designed for events, parties, receptions and celebrations. He served as an inspiration for Simon due to his work ethic, his talent and for his journey in recovery for the past 30 years. His resilience and desire to improve himself taught Simon the importance of determination and effort.

Another important person in Simon's life was his Dad's husband, Lee. Simon described Lee as someone who embodies integrity and excellence. Lee is a consultant on "The Voice" television show and has worked with artists and performers. Simon views Lee as someone who has values tied to excellence. He brings out the best in people and has been a guiding example for Simon. Simon also spoke of his older brothers and what he has learned from them -- hard work and effort, being supportive of others, and being part of a community. As a high school student, Simon moved to rural Vermont and learned to value the sense of community he found there.

Simon's fiancé June is a Law Clerk in the Dover Court. Simon feels she is the kindest, most supportive person he has ever met. She is calm, yet has strength of character, and dedication to her profession. Simon is excited to be building a future with his fiancé.

Simon began his career development in the food and beverage industry and learned the importance of bringing a positive attitude to his work. He has brought that characteristic with him to his Real Estate

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings:

**Dec. 4:** Meeting at Stella's Restaurant, Pointe Place - Jonathan Newcomb classification

#### Events:

**Dec. 6:** Festival of Trees, 4 pm

**Dec. 14:** Garrison Players Art Center – 4 pm - "A Child's Christmas in Wales".

**Pledge:** Phil R.

**4-Way Test:** Nick P.

**Lunch set up:** Kathy F., catered by: Great Circle Catering

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business having obtained his license in 2022. He is dedicated to his clients and works to meet their needs.

Simon discovered Rotary during his years in Hanover, NH, from a friend and knew the Rotary community was a good fit for him. When he had the opportunity in Dover, he realized he wanted to join.

**New Member Induction:** Steve P., Membership Chair, inducted **Jonathan Newcomb** as the newest member of Dover Rotary. He was sponsored by Brendon M. and was joined at the podium by his faithful companion, Shelby. Jonathan said this was a happy day; becoming a member of a service organization was a dream he has held for a long time. Jonathan will be giving his classification talk on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Announcements

**Student of The Month** presentation at Dover Middle School will be tomorrow at 9:30 Am All are welcome to attend.

**District 7780 Polio Challenge** resulted in Dover Rotary donating \$2000 to Polio Plus.

**The December 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting** will be held at Stella's restaurant at Pointe Place in Dover.

**The Rotary Gardens Cleanup** was held this past Saturday. The city is beginning to determine what work needs to be done and how it can be accomplished.

**The Dover Chamber Festival of Trees** will be held at River Mill on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The decorating committee has completed its shopping, and the decorating will be from 12:00Noon - 3:00 PM that same day. Cathy B. contributed handmade ornaments she has collected over many years to the tree. The theme is "A Homespun Christmas".

**The Homeless Project** is well underway. Jim M. reported that we purchased over \$2500 in gloves, hats, scarves, tarps, thermal underwear, boots, raingear, and anything that would help the homeless get through a long winter. We distributed to the Strafford County Community Action Partnership and the Dover Library. This is truly a project that helps our less fortunate in the community.

**The RYLA Summit** was also held this past weekend and Sam K., Phil B., Cindy I., Harry C. and Marion C. attended. They are excited about the upcoming year and spoke about District 7780's efforts to make this leadership experience for teens meaningful. We have funds for up to 12 rising juniors to attend this year and we look forward to providing a great experience for them. Our own Phil R. was involved in starting RYLA in this district and designing an experience that is the envy of Rotary world.

**150 Pair of Mittens** knitted by one of our Bingo patrons, Beverly Silloway, were distributed to the Dover Elementary Schools this week.

**ACERT**, The Dover Police Department's Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team program aimed at helping children at risk or in need, recognized Dover Rotary as a partner agency this past week at their quarterly meeting.

**Purple Pinkies**, sponsored by Dover High School Interact Club, raised \$750. For Polio Eradication last week at their event.

**The Social Committee** is planning a matinee event to be held at Garrison Players Arts Center on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. The performance is "A Child's Christmas in Wales".

**BINGO Report:** Cate reported that the new schedule using teams is ready to begin. The first week with the new teams will be December 5<sup>th</sup> and Team 2 will start the process. Please check the schedule to find your week and assignment. A list of substitutes can also be found in the email.

**The Dover Fire Department** is looking for volunteers to help with the sorting and wrapping of toys on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This help is for a couple of hours. If you are able to help, please respond to Hary's email regarding this initiative.

## Happy Bucks

**Beth F.** for Simon's talk

**Doug L.** for Simon's talk

**Jim V.** for Simon's talk and Cate for the new Bingo schedule.

**Steve P.** to welcome Jonathan, for Simon's talk, for the membership drive, and for a great lunch.

**Nick P.** for Simon's talk and cate's Bingo schedule.

**Melissa L.** for Simon's talk, Jonathan's induction, her little sister's cheering, and for her birthday month donations to My Breast Cancer Awareness and Dover Fire Department

**Jim M.** for pain management and relief courtesy of Wentworth Douglass Hospital.

**Cindy I.** for Simon's talk and the Social Committee movie trip.

**Frank C.** Happy Thanksgiving to all.

**Noreen B.** for Simon's talk.

**Cate R.** in Espanol. Pretty sure it was for a wonderful trip to Spain and her and Seth's experiences.

**Gregg** for Ken P. and his tips about car purchasing. They didn't work on Sheila T.

**Kathy F.** for family occasion with an art show and family dinner at the Roundabout.

**Phil R.** for Happy Thanksgiving

**Raffle:** Phil R. drew the chance...he failed to find the King of Clubs. Up to \$851.00 and rising.

## November Birthdays:

Dan S.      Nov. 11

Maria A.    Nov. 17

Malcolm M. Nov. 25

Nick P.      Nov. 25

## November Anniversaries:

Frank C.    47 years

Ram R.      44 years

Norm H.    28 years

Kathryn L. 6 years

Maria A.    6 years