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November 18, 2026



President Rob G. welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, NH.

President's Poem: "Dignity of Risk" by Linda Stengle

AED Presentations:

President Rob invited Harry C. to make AED presentations to Summit Development and to Strafford County Sheriff Katherine Mone. One will be installed outside our meeting room and three given to the sheriff's department. Purchase of these units was funded by a District 7780 grant, plus about $1000 of our club's funds. Training on the units' operation will be presented to club members at a future meeting.

Program: Laurie McIntosh, board chair of Our Place NH

President Rob introduced Laurie, a graduate of BU and UNH, a retired school occupational therapist, spouse of member Ron Walton (co-founder of Our Place), an avid sailor, and mother of two developmentally disabled adult sons.

Laurie explained that there were few "supportive" housing arrangements in NH for adults with intellectual developmental disabilities. She worried that her sons, both now in their 30s with cerebral palsy, would have no good place to live once she and Ron were gone. They rejected "group homes" which received no Medicaid services and felt too institutional. They investigated several models of care and settled on separate apartments for residents with shared common areas. Our Place was founded and a board of directors was created in 2019. Occupants wanted to live independently, to move away from home, to work and volunteer in their community, to participate in recreational activities, to be social yet have privacy and intimacy, and to make their own choices. It is estimated that Dover has 692 adults in this category: in NH 27,000 people.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:
Dec. 1: Membership Committee, 11 a.m., Broadway
Dec. 2: PR Committee, 10:45 a.m., Broadway Cafe
Dec. 2: Club Assembly, 12:15 p.m., Broadway

Events:
Nov. 20: Student of the Month, 11:30 a.m.
Nov. 20: End 68 Hours of Hunger Packing, St. John's Methodist Church, 8 – 9 a.m.
Nov. 29: Holiday Parade, Rotary with Traveling Tales Van, arrive 2:15 p.m.
Dec. 4: Festival of Trees, decorating – noon, Rivermill, event 4-8 p.m.
Dec. 5: Mitten Making, 9 – 12 noon
Dec. 29: Otto Pizza Fundraiser – all day fundraiser (10% of profits will be donated Dover Rotary)
Senior visits: (all at 3 p.m.)

- Maple Suites: Dec. 8
- Riverside Rest Home: Jan. 12
- Langdon Place: Feb. 16
- Silver Square: Mar. 16

Pledge: Pres. Rob G.
4-Way Test: Nick P.

Newsletter authored by Cathy B.

Our Place NH raised funds and received numerous grants over the next few years and were able to purchase a home at 105 Durham Road, a former childcare center next to DHS. They hope to open in spring 2027 after extensive renovations/additions costing $1.5 million. Easterseals will provide needed services. Laurie stressed it will be run like a family with 11 apartments, staff offices, a large kitchen/common area, and a common TV area. Per regulations, they can only charge each resident $848 for room and board so they estimate raising $80,000 annually for maintenance. Donations are gladly accepted at: www.ourplacenh.com. Rotarians congratulated the pair for their tenacity and the imminent success of their dream.

Announcements:

- **Thanks: :** President Rob thanked members who shopped Ocean State Job Lot last Saturday, purchasing cold-weather clothing and gear for the unhoused. All items were delivered to CAP. Thank you also to Melissa L. for organizing Senior Visits (Waldron Towers was last week), and to Jim M. for the mitten-making session with Seacoast Sweet Stitches.

- **New Member:** Rotarians welcomed Deb DeColfmacher to our club. She has recently transferred from the South Berwick/Eliot club and has a lengthy affiliation with our long-term member Gary DeColfmacher!

- **REVO Casino** has confirmed that the Rotary Club of Dover was chosen as a recipient of Poker Night proceeds in 2027.

- **Nominating Committee:** Rob G. and Beth F. urge members to get in touch if they are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or as an officer for the 2027-28 Rotary year (starts July 1, 2027).

- **Adopt a Grandparent:** President Rob announced an "Adopt A Grandparent" partnership with senior residents at Johnson Creek Village. We will get a Christmas list from the facility and members can choose to purchase a wanted gift for a senior.

- **Membership Committee**: Steve P. announced a meeting to be held on **Dec. 1 at 11 a.m**. at the Broadway facility. Please join if you're able!

- **Companion Club:** Steve P. said 20 people attended the meeting at Wing-Itz last Tuesday with many potential new members. Contact Fred Berren for more information.

- **Storefront:** Cathy B. modeled her new Dover NH Rotary jacket and urged folks to visit the "Rotary Storefront" on our website menu for Christmas gifts.

- **Festival of Trees: Friday, Dec. 4 from 4-8 p.m.** at Rivermill. Rotary's tree is "A Tartan Christmas" and decorating starts at noon that day. Please come help decorate or visit that evening. It's free to attend and a great event!

- **GivingTuesday Dec. 1** - This nationwide fundraising event is important to Dover Rotary as we promote donations to our Milk & Egg fund. Members will get more information in an email coming soon. Every member is asked to then share this email widely with friends, family, and colleagues so the word can spread about our cause.

- **Dictionary Project:** Marion C. reported that almost 300 dictionaries have arrived for the 3rd graders of Dover. We will distribute these at four elementary schools next month. Watch for dates, times, and locations coming soon.

- **Bingo**: Cate R. explained our chosen option for Bingo in 2027 (approved by the Board on 11/18/26). Rochester RC has dropped out of the rotation, but we assume the other two clubs will stay. Therefore, we will keep the 4-week rotation, with Dover taking two of the weeks (50% of the revenue as opposed to our current 25%). With ticket sales down, we only need about 7 people to run the game each night. We will need 16-18 members to commit to a 90-minute shift once a month to make this work. There will be a new schedule and new teams announced in January. The only jobs will be ticket selling, ticket counting, and Bingo call backs---none of which require extensive training. Floaters will be Gregg D., Cate R., Ken P. and Seneca B. who can fill in as needed. For ease of administration, no more cross-pollination with other clubs: e.g., Dover's weeks will be all Dover members. Projected income for Dover in 2026 is $27,000. A special Bingo night is being planned for New Year's Eve. More to come on that…

- **Student of the Month**: Gregg D. announced a presentation this Friday, Nov. 20 at Dover Middle School at 11:30 a.m. All members are invited: it's fun, hart-warming and takes only ½ hour!

- **Winter Wonders**: Gregg D. will investigate dates in January or February for a Rotary Social at the Eliot light show farm.

- **End 68 Hours of Hunger**: Melissa L. announced our club's next monthly session is Friday, Nov. 20 from 8-9 a.m. at St. John's to pack and deliver food parcels.

- **Senior Trivia:** Melissa L. thanked Robb C. for running the Senior Trivia games at Waldron Towers on Nov. 10. Next trivia session is at Maple Suites on Dec. 8 from 3-4 p.m.

- **Mitten-making:** Jim M. thanked participants for helping on the 7th. Next mitten-making session with Abby Lamothe from Seacoast Sweet Stitches is Sat. Dec. 5 from 9-12 noon at 121 Broadway.

- **Holiday Parade:** Beth F. invited all to walk alongside the Traveling Tales van in the Dover Holiday Parade on Sun. Nov. 29 to pass out free books to kids. Assemble on Sixth Street before 2:30 p.m.; parade kicks off at 3 p.m.

- **PR/Marketing Committee:** Beth F. advised next meeting is Dec. 2 at 10:45 a.m. in Broadway cafeteria and under discussion is the rollout of the Business/Organization membership.

50/50 Raffle: Pot is $454. Jim M. had the winning ticket but drew the Queen of Diamonds. Pot grows!

November birthdays:

Jennifer M.	Nov. 7
Kim L.	Nov. 23
Malcolm M.	Nov. 25
Nick P.	Nov. 25

November Anniversaries:

Ram R.	46 years
Norm H.	31 years