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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



UNITE FOR GOOD

November 19, 2025 – Broadway and Zoom

President-elect Rob G. welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, NH and thanked everyone who brought dishes for the potluck supper.

Program: Pat Sorenson, Grab & GO

Guest speaker Pat Sorenson's loves Dover today the same way she did when she moved to town in 1964 with her husband Pete. They settled in a home on Westwood Circle where Pat opened Westwood Preschool and taught youngsters for 44 years.

In conversations with school nurse Fran Hopkins, Pat learned too many public-school children were hungry when the school year ended because school provided breakfast and lunch ended as well. Pat took up the challenge of feeding these hungry children, met with Betsey Andrews Parker at CAP who eventually became the fiscal agent for Pat's Grab & Go program in 2015. It began with 12 volunteers, serving 85 children at two locations with a donation of \$2,500.

Today, Grab and Go reaches 540 children over 12 weeks of summer, at 25 locations with over 100 volunteers and a budget of \$60,000. The program is funded from individual donations, has no government funds or grant money and pays retail prices at local stores for all the food given away in their yellow bags. While hard to believe in a thriving city like Dover, Pat said, approximately 30% of children and teenagers live in food-insufficient homes - the same town she loved in 1964. Hunger is silent and it's here.

Announcements:

- **BOD nominations:** Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Rob. Board will be elected at Dec. 3 meeting.
- **End 68 Hours:** Packing and delivery will be held on Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 am.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Dec. 3: Freddy Petrone - Find purpose after dark

Events:

Nov. 22: Festival of Trees
Decorating planning/shopping. 10 a.m. Stella's

Dec. 5: Festival of Trees event –
decorate tree at 12 noon - event
for public 4-9 p.m.

Dec. 13: Mitten Project, 9 – 11
a.m., Broadway – open to public

Guests: Beth Goldenberg, Audrey
Bryce, Jennifer MacNeil and Pat
Sorenson

Pledge: Harry C.

4-Way Test: Cindy I.

*Today's newsletter authored by
Noreen B.*

- **Tree Trimming:** The annual tree trimming shopping trip will be Sat. Nov. 22 a.m. - first stop at Stella's for coffee and planning. The hands-on trimming will take place Friday, Nov. 5 at noon at Rivermill and the public event begins at 4 to 8.
- **Mitten Project:** Jim M. reminded all to come to the Mitten workshop on Dec. 13, 9 – 11 a.m. at our Broadway location. He also thanked all who helped shop for the homeless at Ocean State Job Lot. Over \$3000 in warm clothes and supplies were purchased.
- **Cereal Drive:** Marion C. thanked all who brought in cereal for the Thanksgiving baskets.
- **Senior visits:** Melissa L. said she has reached out to local assisted living centers to set up visits – will be after 3 p.m. to allow for Interact participation.
- **Bingo:** Cate R. said recent games have slowed down as bonuses have been distributed. Help is still needed to work games and count tickets.

Happy Bucks:

Noreen B. for Rob volunteering to go shopping for tree ornaments

Jim V. for Pat's talk

Nick P. for Pat

Gregg D. for Pat and trip to Sedona where it was sunny and 70

Kathy H. for Rotary

Marion C. for Pat and going to Mexico to meet Rotarians

Melissa L. for end of cheer season, Cate covering for her at Bingo, and for condo sale negotiations

Cathanne P. \$5 for Grab and Go

Harry C. for Pat's inspirational talk

Jim M. for Pat

Cindy I. for Pat, for visting neighbor Jen and going to NYC to see Rockets and getting backstage

Pam S. for Pat and her new knee

Cate R. for Seth - happy he is retiring and terrified, he wants her to retire too.

Doug L. for Pat

Frank C. for Happy Thanksgiving

Malcolm M. \$4 for Pat and \$1 for Jim V's new haircut

Rod B. for Pat and his wife Audrey

Pat S. for wonderful Rotary

Phil R. for Happy Thanksgiving from Bob Lapointe

50/50 Raffle: \$308 - Noreen B. had the raffle ticket but not the right card. Pot grows!

Gerry had the right raffle number but did not draw the right card.

November Birthdays:

Dan S. Nov. 11

Maria A. Nov. 17

Malcolm M. Nov. 25
Nick P. Nov. 25

November anniversaries:

Frank C. 48 years
Ram R. 45 years
Norm H. 29 years
Rod B. 7 years
Yulia R. 7 years
Kathy L. 7 years
Maria A. 7 years