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## November 4, 2026

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

**Poem**: Rob read a lovely poem, *Speech* by Bruce Monro, which addresses the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.

### Program: Presentation by Mike McGovern

Mike is the Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee of Rotary International. He is a member of Cape Elizabeth Rotary and has been in Rotary for 40 years. During his time in Rotary Mike has served as District Governor and held numerous positions in Rotary International. Mike is also on the Polio Oversight Board which oversees the hundreds of million dollars donated annually for polio eradication.

Mike reminded us that October 24th is World Polio Day (erroneously thought to have been selected to be the birthday of Jonas Salk – it isn't 😊). October is World Polio month, and November is Rotary Foundation month.

Mike shared several stories about his time in Rotary and from his travels throughout the world on behalf of his PolioPlus work. He told of many Rotary-sponsored projects in the Philippines including a human milk bank and a community health center (at which he saw donations from District 7780) and held a baby that had been found in a ditch 10 days earlier.

Mike shared two encounters with people who struck up conversations with him when seeing his Rotary pin to share stories of how Rotary had changed their lives (A nice reminder to wear your pin when you go out). One interaction was with a man who said that early in his life he was a mess and a Rotary scholarship got him interested in cooking. That man was Gordon Ramsey. He also met a woman who was a Rotary Scholar and who now runs a music program at Bowdoin College.

Mike shared interesting facts about the lobbying work that Rotary does in the US and Internationally to raise funds. For example, the US Government gives about $265 million; $180M goes through the CDC and $85M goes through the State Department. Money had previously gone through HES, but the current head of that department has not

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Meetings:**
**Nov. 18:** Our Place, Laurie McIntosh, 12:15 p.m., Broadway
**Dec. 2:** PR Committee, 10:45 a.m., Broadway Cafe
**Dec. 2:** Club Assembly, 12:15 p.m., Broadway

**Events:**
**Nov. 7:** **Mitten Making**, 9-12 noon, Broadway
**Nov. 10:** **After Hours**: Wing-itz, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
**Nov. 14:** **Gift of Warmth Shopping,** Job Lot, 10 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.

**Senior visits: (all at 3 p.m.)**
- Waldron Towers: Nov. 10
- Maple Suites: Dec. 8
- Riverside Rest Home: Jan. 12
- Langdon Place: Feb. 16
- Silver Square: Mar. 16

**Guest Rotarian:** Mike McGovern
**Pledge:** Harry C.
**4-Way Test:** Melissa L.

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demonstrated a keen interest in vaccination, so the money was moved. PolioPlus works closely with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and Gavi Vaccine Alliance.

Mike will be stepping down from his PolioPlus role at the end of the Rotary year.

At the end of Mike's presentation, our club donated $1,500 to PolioPlus.

**Honorees**:

- Congratulations to **Marion & Harry C.** for being inducted into the Rotary International Legacy Society. This honor recognizes those who have made a bequest to Rotary International of $1M or more. Thanks for your generosity!
- Congratulations to **Phil R.** who was recognized with a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his work on behalf of children and veterans. So very well-deserved.

**Bingo Update**:

The Rochester Club has opted to withdraw from Bingo participation due to low profits. Our Board will determine if we want to take on a larger staffing role (and larger share of the profits) or if we will opt to ask all of the clubs to support the newly open positions. Members not currently working Bingo will be asked to support this going forward. More info to come.

**Interact Update & Request:**

Cindy I. shared that Interact is going strong and there is a new advisor, Page Stacy Houk. Cindy, Phil & Melissa continue to be the contacts for Interact and ask that all communications with the Interact Advisor and Students be handled through them to make the Advisor's job easier.

**Announcements:**

- Veterans Day in Wednesday, November 11
- Companion Club will meet Tuesday, Nov 10, 5:30 – 7:00 @ Wing-itz
- Katie Soule of GSYMCA is seeking volunteers to support their food pantry – more info coming from Rob G. via email
- Giving Tuesday link is in final testing – please share it when you get it! Proceeds underwrite our Milk & Egg Program.
- PR Committee is creating a database for use in reaching out for donations. If you have a mail list you are willing to share, please reach out to Beth F.
- Festival of Trees will be headed up by Cathy B. and Noreen B. More info to come on this year's theme.
- 12 cases of dictionaries have been ordered. Marion will alert us when it is time to sticker and distribute them (Author's note: If you've never done this, try to join. It's a blast!)
- Our District is hosting a Friendship Exchange April 13 – 22, 2027. This self-funded, 12-day trip provides an opportunity to meet Rotarians in Peru and see the work being done. There is an additional opportunity to extend the time and visit Machu Picchu.

**Volunteers Needed/Upcoming Events**

- Nov 7: Mitten Making 9:00 – 12:00 noon at our meeting location
- Nov 10: Senior Visit 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Waldron Towers (5 Green St)

- Nov 10: Companion Club 5:30 – 7:00 at Wing-itz
- Nov 11: Veteran's Day (no meeting)
- Nov 14: Shopping at Ocean State Job Lot at 10:00 a.m. to support Dover's unhoused
- Nov 20: End 68 hours of Hunger Food packing and delivery 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
- Nov 29, Dover Holiday Parade. We need Rotarians to walk behind the Traveling Tales van and hand out books to children. More details to come.

**50/50:** Gregg D. drew the 2 of clubs - the 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