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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

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OF ROTARY

Oct. 2, 2024 – In-person meeting, 12:15

President Harry C. welcomed all to the meeting of the Dover Rotary Club. A moment of silence was observed for all the victims of Hurricane Helene.

Harry thanked Doug L. for picking up the pizza, Kathy F. for delivering the wraps, and to Cate R. for baking the toll house cookies.

Paul Harris presentation: Marty Peak Helman was on hand, with great pleasure, to give out a Paul Harris +2 award to long-time member Kathy F. for her organization and leadership of last year's Peace Concert at Noble High. Marty called it the "best district event ever held"! The concert, with matches, netted \$32,000.

New member induction: Club secretary Marion C. led the induction of new member Bjorn Sigurdsson, who was warmly welcomed by members.

Program: Marty Hellman – Rotary Peace Centers

Marty was invited back to the podium to speak about the Rotary Peace Centers, specifically the newest one opening in 2025 in Istanbul, Turkey. (Marty is president of a small foundation, the Otto & Fran Walter Foundation, which donated \$15 million to this new Peace Center at Bachesehir University in Istanbul.) 20 Peace Scholars will begin master's or non-degreed certificate programs in January 2025 with the theme of "Positive Peace".

Another Rotary Peace Center, to be located somewhere in Asia, will be announced at the Istanbul opening (February 20-22, 2025) with plans to open in 2027. About 12% of the RI endowment (\$250 million) is dedicated to the Peace Centers. Tuition is free to scholars.

Marty also spoke, in her role as RF trustee, about Rotary emergency disaster relief funds which may become available for Asheville and surroundings if certain criteria are met. These include Rotarians on the ground, a natural disaster affecting at least 1 million people and causing over \$100 million in damages.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Oct. 9: No meeting

Oct. 15: TBD

Events:

Oct. 12: Shred event Saint John's Methodist Church, 9 – 12.

Oct. 13: October Social - *Voices from the Cemetery*, Pine Hill, 1 pm. Supports Woodman Museum- sign up online.

Oct. 19: Garden clean-up, 8 am

Pledge: Harry C.

4-Way Test: Cate R.

Visitors: Simon Verkaik, potential new member, and Marty Helman, Rotary Foundation Trustee and Boothbay Rotary club member.

*Today's newsletter authored
by Cathy B.*

Announcements:

Bingo--- Cate R. reported our three club partners are very appreciative of working with our Dover club on Bingo. The revenue received has been instrumental in allowing these clubs to do more things in their communities. Turtle bonus is now over \$81,000. Volunteers still needed to count tickets Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2pm to 8pm at the Bingo Hall in Rochester. Cate urges members to contact her for instruction in how to use Sign Up Genius to register for Bingo shifts. Gregg D. reported \$51,640 in Bingo profits for July & August. (\$12,910 to each of the four RC, plus \$2000 off the top to Dover for administration.)

Polio Day is October 24. Harry C. announced we have \$1500 in budget allotted for this cause plus proceeds (TBD) from one night of Bingo profits, Dover club only; others will be asked to join us in this effort). Harry urges members to sign up for the Polio Plus Club.

Recovery Conference October 28 at Noble High School---Gregg D. reported that it was a great conference with fantastic speakers and over 100 in attendance.

Garden Clean-Up---scheduled for Saturday, October 19 at 8am. Gregg D. explained that we will dig up all perennials (6 varieties) to give away to the public. Annuals will be disposed of. The beds need to be completely cleared out so repairs to the rock walls can happen. Harry is getting quotes for rock and drainage repair and drainage.

Future meetings---Harry C. is investigating restaurants which might be able to accommodate us and serve lunch weekly. More to come. Until then, come to Broadway site for meetings.

October social---Cathy B. announced that Rotary members will tour Pine Hill Cemetery on Sunday, October 13 at 1pm for "Voices From the Cemetery" historic and fun guided tour (about 1 hour) to benefit the Woodman Museum. Please buy tickets in advance as they cost more on the day of. Buy tickets here:

<https://www.simpletix.com/e/woodman-museums-voices-from-the-cemetery-2-tickets-184584>

Purple Pinky Project---Phil R. explained this is a passion project led by two DHS Interact students to be held Sunday, November 10 at St. John's from 1-5pm. Students will paint your pinkie nail with purple polish for your donation to polio.

Happy Bucks:

Cate R. for trips to Barcelona and the Fryeburg Fair and recovery from COVID

Jim M. for his visit with Tom D.

Melissa L. for Mental Health Alliance event and upcoming trip to Aruba

Nancy B. for not contributing a joke

Cindy I. for fabulous trip to Italy for a wedding

Jay S. for a Canadian cruise and almost losing his sister

Simon V. who's happy to be here

Noreen B. for her enjoyable seat between a new member and a potential new member

Bjorn S. for a new leukemia med that's working well
Malcom M. for getting advice on a new legal fees collection technique
Gregg D. for the Recovery Conference and being done!
Doug L. for great care at WDH for a rotator (Rotary?) cuff injury
Kathy F. for Bjorn's joining and her many thanks for the Paul Harris +2 award
Marty H. for being happy here
Marion C. for Marty's visit and for her Zone Institute conference in Toronto
Harry C. for Marty's visit, for new member Bjorn, and a good turnout for today's meeting
Phil R. for encountering Bob Richard at the store and finding out he loves living at Riverwoods, Durham
Sam K. for getting married and buying a new home

Cate R. reminded members about the **Shred Event on Saturday, October 12** at St. John's. Interact students will be on hand but please drop by for fellowship.

Melissa L. is working on November **social for November 13:** a movie night at BarnZ's Cinema in Barrington. More details to come.

October birthdays:

Gregg D. Oct. 5
Doug L. Oct. 7
Gary D. Oct. 10
Phil R. Oct. 11
Noreen B. Oct. 14
Melissa L. Oct. 18
Sam K. Oct. 18
Kevin Q. Oct. 19
Tom D. Oct. 26

October anniversaries:

Tom D. 40 years
Ed H. 33 years
Cindy I. 18 years
Cate R. 14 years