



Oct. 25, 2023 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy F. welcomed all to the only Rotary Club with a District Governor and two Assistant Governors as members.

**Memorial for Patricia Quigley, wife of
Dover Rotarian Kevin Quigley**

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 26th 2023 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Tasker Funeral Home (621 Central Ave, Dover, NH 03820). A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 27th 2023 at 11:00 AM at the same location.

Program: Gary Bannon, City of Dover Recreation Director

A frequent speaker at Rotary meetings, Gary thanked Rotary for its long history of support for the City of Dover. “You have a large legacy and your fingerprints are all over the city,” he said. As an example, he highlighted the recent ribbon cutting ceremony for the new skate park, a project that began about 15 years ago when the city realized the old skate park, funded by Dover Rotary, needed to be relocated due to waterfront expansion plans. The new location at Guppy Park will feature a gathering place/shelter and flat area for training new skaters thanks to a recent donation from our Rotary club. Although unfinished, the project is coming soon. Gary will let us know as soon as he knows.

He also spoke about the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park constructed about 25 years ago that has become a magnet for residents and visitors for events throughout the year. The structure needs repairs and updating at an estimated expense of \$16,000. A proposal to fund this project is currently being considered by the Board of Directors. In uncharacteristic support of spending money, Malcolm M. said the club should spend as much as necessary to maintain the beauty of the Rotary Arts Pavilion and Park.

Questions:

What’s happening with the Dover Community Trail?

**Upcoming
Meetings & Events**

Meetings:

- Nov. 1:** Leif Hagan PRIDE
- Nov. 8:** Steve Fine -Melanoma
- Nov. 15:** Club Assembly
- Nov. 22:** no meeting
- Nov. 29:** Darin Roark CEO WDH Mass General
- Dec. 6:** New Hampshire Pet Aid
- Dec. 13:** Ryan Crosby DHA
- Dec. 20:** Holiday program
- Dec. 27:** no meeting

Events:

- Oct. 22:** Willand Pond Cleanup, 9:30 – 11 am
- Oct. 24: Together on Tuesday,** Clark’s Bistro, Durham, 6 pm

Pledge: Malcolm M.

4-Way Test: Jay S.

Today’s newsletter authored by Noreen B.

Gary – The city is considering a project to extend the trail through Bellamy Park that includes a bridge across the river.

Any plans to upgrade the bridges at Willand Pond?

Gary – both will be replaced this fall with aluminum and Somersworth will provide funds.

Comment – Nancy B. recalled making friends with hobos near the train tracks when she was a child.

Gary - Caring for the homeless is an ongoing process involving multiple organizations and cities.

Announcements:

Bingo Report: Last week sold 22 boxes. Sign up to volunteer for future weeks through Sign-Up Genius October 26th profits for our club that evening will go toward a donation to Polio Plus

DEI: Committee will be selling pins for \$10

Rotary Gardens: Cleanup Saturday, Nov. 4, 8-11 am

Senior visits coming back! Riverside Rest Home has invited Rotary to play bingo with residents – date to be announced soon. Melissa L. said more visits are being planned.

Literacy: Marion C. said dictionaries and thesauruses have been ordered and will be in soon.

Kids Closet: Gift card distribution to schools after next week's meeting.

Festival of Trees: Noreen B. offered to help out. Cathy B. noted the children's books (2,000 +/-) not distributed at the 400 parade due to rain, could be given out during the Festival. Beth F. also has sources looking for books – she will work with Cathy.

Happy Bucks

Nancy B. for a visit from nieces and nephew driving four hours to take her out to lunch.

Kathy F. for Seacoast Coral Festival's first indoor event since COVID.

Jim M. for (1) skatepark entrance featuring bronze Rotary wheel, (2) finding abandoned funds for \$6,500 and (3) for Rod B. and pearls(?)

Brendan for his new power wheelchair donated by Ram Ramdev.

Doug L. for new bridges coming to Willand Pond – his dog River won't cross the current ones.

Cathy B. & Phil R. for surviving 12 days and 6 countries on a whirlwind trip where they learned to French kiss (????). Phil also visited the brother of a former exchange student living in Paris.

50/50 Raffle Drawing – No winner, only 11 cards left.

October Birthdays:

Gregg D. Oct 05
Doug L. Oct 07
Gary D. Oct 10
Phil R. Oct 11
Noreen B. Oct 14
Melissa L. Oct 18
Kevin Q. Oct 19
Tom D. Oct 26
Montana F. Oct 31
Julie H. Oct 31

October Anniversaries:

Hemant D. 6 years
Cindy I. 17 years
Cate R. 13 years
Teresa R. 1 year
Dave D. 14 years
Ed H. 32 years
Tom D. 39 years