

Oct. 30, 2024 - In-person meeting, 12:15 at Stella's

President Harry welcomed everyone to Dover Rotary meeting at Stella's in Pointe Place.

Celebrations:

- We began our meeting with the induction of our newest member Simon Verkaik. Simon was welcomed into the club by Steve P.
- Jim M. presented David B. with a Paul Harris +1 and thanked David for his continued generosity.

Announcements:

- Malcolm M. and Noreen B. had recent procedures. Both are doing well. Keep them in your thoughts.
- Tom D. has moved to Watson Fields *update* Tom is happily welcoming visits!
- December 4th meeting will be a membership meeting. More info to come.
- Rock walls at Henry Law Park are in need of repairs. Harry C., Gregg D. & Malcolm M. met with representatives of the City of Dover and are looking to create a plan and ongoing agreement for repairs and maintenance.
- Our club will be hosting President Elect Leadership Seminar (PELS) on November 7.

Program: Club Assembly

- BINGO: Gregg D. reported on our current financial status all is good. Projected Bingo revenue for this year is \$87,000. Back by popular demand are TEAMS! Be on the lookout for an email with additional information about your role and Team.
- Kid's Closet Gregg D. is applying to the Big Box stores for bulk purchase gift cards.
- **Student of the Month** continues at Dover Middle School. Harry C. will let us know when the next presentation is. If you have not gone try to attend. They are heart-warming and fun.
- International Committee Recent \$5000 donation to the Portland Club's hearing aid project is being sorted out. Reports from Mexico say that the work we donated to is going strong.

Upcoming Meetings & Events <u>Meetings:</u>

Nov. 6: Ken Plante speaking about his life in the car business.

Events:

Nov. 16: Garden clean-up, 8 am – changed from Oct. 19.

Pledge: Harry C. 4-Way Test: Marion C.

Guests: John Newcomb, Tim Cheney & Shawn

Today's newsletter authored by Cate R.

International Committee will meet soon. Reach out to Gregg if you would like to join this committee.

- **Finance Committee** Nick P. and members of the Financial Committee (& President-elect Cathy B.) will meet next week. Reach out to Nick if you would like to join the Financial Committee.
- Milk & Egg Program Cate R. shared that we distributed 536 coupons in the first 2 months of the program this year compared to 370 in the same period last year. We continue to meet an important need in our community.
- **Community Giving** Jay shared the process the committee uses to grant funds. So far this fiscal year, we have granted \$1,750 with another \$3,500 in new requests in review.
- Foundation Jim M. shared a few club stats. We have 27 Paul Harris Fellows, 4 benefactors, and 3 Major Donors. He shared some additional statistics about declining contributions. Jim & Harry encourage us to look at all the good done by the Foundation. Jim will present additional information at our next meeting.
- Homeless Project Jim M. invites anyone interested to join him at Ocean State Job Lot at 10:00am on Saturday, November 9. We will purchase supplies to meet a critical need in our community. Jim would like the club to think of a project that may make a bigger or longer-term impact for these members of our community. We will also be purchasing supplies for the Dover Library Hygiene library which includes such items as toothpaste and hand warmers.
- **Purple Pinkie Project** Cindy I. shared information about the Interact student's upcoming event on Sunday, November 10 from 2:00 5:00 at the St. John's Church on Cataract Avenue. The students are raising money for Polio Plus. Fun, games and awareness. Great for children. Bring anyone you know.
- Senior Visits Melissa L. shared that Senior visits will resume soon. She is working to secure a date at Riverside in November and then additional visits in January & March.
- Social Committee Tentative plan to have a movie night on Nov. 13. Also looking at attending the Garrison Players' A Child's Christmas in Wales for a Sunday matinee. More to come!
- Nominating Committee Harry and the nominating committee are working to secure a slate of candidates for next year's Board of Directors. They will be presented at the last meeting in November with a club vote in December.
- **Visioning** Our Club Visioning event has been scheduled for Wed., Feb. 12 from 5:00 9:00pm. This important event will help to shape the direction for our club's future. Mark your calendars!

Happy Bucks

- **Cindy I.** for her 88-year-old mom doing well. A big thanks to Marion for all her support for the Purple Pinkie Project event and helping to secure supplies
- Kathy F. for the 35th annual Choral Festival
- **Sam** for his wife's 30th birthday (he was advised to keep is wife's age to himself in the future \bigcirc) and for the Purple Pinkie event and the great connection it has to past and future RYLA events
- Steve P. for our new member Simon!
- Gregg D. for our meeting at Stella's and the new people at our meeting
- Phil R. for his Italian harem vacation (yes, Donna is part of that harem)
- **Melissa L.** for 7 days in Aruba and the realization that she might sell real estate from there and for the Portsmouth Halloween parade

- Jim V. gave one happy dollar from Carlo just because. He also gave happy bucks for the meeting at Stella's and his new-to-him red Kia!
- **Cathy B.** for her trip to Italy and the idea that Phil may be the only person to go on vacation to Italy and lose weight!
- Frank C. for clearing out 25 bags of leaves and knowing that he has LOTS more
- Beth F. for her Italian navigator Cathy B
- Harry C. for our meeting at Stella's, our new member Simon and all of our guests
- Cate R. is happy to be at Rotary with all these great people

October birthdays:

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

October anniversaries:

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