

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 35<sup>th</sup> annual Choral Festival
- **Sam** for his wife's 30<sup>th</sup> 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