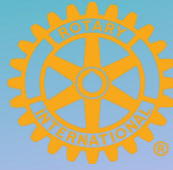


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Dover, NH
Doing good in **Dover** ... and the World!



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IMPACT**

October 21, 2026

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

Rob's Poem: *SALT* by Riann Odendaal, a highly commended Rotary Poet of the Year, 2025

Program: Jane Bard, President, Children's Museum of New Hampshire

For the past 33 years Children's Museum of NH (CMNH) Jane Bard has been part of the growth and expansion of the center that began in Portsmouth in 1983. After 25 years CMNH looked for space to expand while several opportunities in Portsmouth fell through. She said Dover's city leadership reached out with the right place at the right time, offering the Butterfield Gym building.

Jane described her covert visit to discussions about the potential move. "I used to go to City Hall meetings incognito to hear about the city's sentiments about opening the museum --they were so positive," she said. "I feel as welcome today as I did then."

In 2026 Jane was recognized as Community Arts Champion by the Dover Area Chamber of Commerce.

CMNH has over 100,000 visitors a year primarily from NH, Maine and Massachusetts but also from all 50 states and locations throughout the world. The museum strives to make the experience available to all in the community and over 20% of visitors have free or reduced admission. An anonymous donor also funds a program that allows staff to let someone into the museum if they come in and say they cannot afford the visit.

Ove 50 libraries offer passes for half-day rates and EBT recipients get 75% off the admission fees. CMNH offers multiple programs and hands-on exhibits including sensory friendly, STEAM and art programs, wonder and wellness initiatives and, recently added a climbing exhibit that stretches from the basement to the roof. Each leaf in the display will hold up to 350 pounds – Rotarians are invited to give it a try!

For more information visit: [HOMEPAGE - Children's Museum of New Hampshire](#)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Nov. 4: PR Committee, Broadway, 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Nov. 4: Broadway - 12:15 p.m. Mike McGovern RI International Polio Chair

Nov. 9: After Hours: Wing-itz, 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Events:

Oct. 24: Garden Cleanup – 9 a.m.

Oct. 26: Student of the Month, DMS, 1:30 p.m.

Oct. 28: Membership breakfast, Broadway 8 a.m.

Oct. 29: End 68 Hours of Hunger, 8 a.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

Guests: Vincent Lyon, Jane Bard and Monique Deforge

Pledge: Phil R.

4-Way Test: Gary D.

Newsletter authored by Noreen B.

Presentations:

Pres. Rob presented two donation checks:



\$500 to Vincent Lyon from Garrison School PTA, in support of their annual Turkey Trot 5K Race on Thanksgiving Day.

\$1,200 to Danielle Festa, Owner/Artist of the Aplomb Project, in support of their care recovery program for cancer survivors using the transformative power of art to promote healing and make connections with others in recovery.



Announcements:

President Rob announced the receipt of a Rotary Grant of \$2,000 in support of a mental health event next spring. Gregg D. noted the event, Walkout of Darkness, will involve Dover, Rochester, Great By and Portsmouth Rotaries.

Truck or Treat: 5-7 p.m., join Cathy B. to hand out candy (thanks to Gregg D. for purchasing at Marden's) at the Woodman Museum – part of Dover's Halloween festivities. Come in costume if you choose!

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Community Giving Special Request: Jay S. described two requests for volunteers from Reach for the Top Therapy services in Dover.

- (1) volunteers to catalogue library materials that support their occupational, speech and other therapies
- (2) volunteers to assist in their capital campaign project

If anyone is interested, please contact Amy Rich Crane, 603-740-3534.

Thanksgiving Parade – Dover Rotary Focuses on Literacy - Rotarians are invited to participate in this year's event on Sunday, **Nov. 29- arrive at 2 p.m.** - (parade begins at 3 p.m.) to hand out books during the parade following the Traveling Tales van.

District Governor Request – Join the Financial Oversight Team! DG Micele invites Rotarians to consider applying for the 3-member oversight team to complete an annual review of finances. Contact Pres. Rob if interested.

Dover Middle School Student of the Month: Meet at DMS office on Monday, **Oct. 26 at 1:30.**

Mitten Making: Saturday, Nov. 7, 9 a.m. – Rotarians invited to bring friends, family and neighbors!

Rotary Storefront Now Open! Purchase Rotary gear via Collins Sports – jackets, t-shirts, vests and more – visit: <https://collinssports.chipply.com/DoverRotary/>

Membership Breakfast: Oct. 28, 8 a.m., Broadway, featuring info on Business/Organization and Companion Club memberships, catered by Fat Dog. \$10 members, Guests free.

Garden Cleanup – Oct. 24, 9 a.m. Everyone invited to dig in and dig up at the year-end garden cleanup – Henry Law Park.

Happy Bucks:

- **Steve P.** \$5 (virtual) for first college weekend with daughter at Syracuse – she turned into an adult in a month and a half - and for great group at last After Hours event.
- **Malcolm M.** \$2 for kids visits to Boston to see the Head of the Charles race – once won by his son Adam.
- **Gregg D.** for Kendra L.'s and Steve P.'s work on Rotary Grant.
- **Ron W.** \$5 (imaginary dollars) for special event.
- **Jim V.** \$5 (real dollars) form Mass General Brigham care for broken hand bone.
- **Pam S.** for happy to be here.
- **Nick P.** \$1 million (virtual dollars???) for Steve P. and Fred B. and the Companion Club After Hours event last week.
- **Jim M.** for Gregg D. who found \$10 jackets at Marden's for the gift of warmth project and for his daughter's final chemo treatment and doing well.
- **Kendra L.** for Children's Museum – she will climb the exhibit!!!
- **Beth F.** for travel to Disney followed by great trip to Chicago.
- **Sam T.** for Mushroom poem and Salt poem - great taste!

50/50 Raffle: Jay S. did not pick winner. Pot grows!

October Birthdays:

Gregg D. Oct. 5
Doug L. Oct. 7
Gary D. Oct. 10
Phil R. Oct. 11
Yulia R. Oct. 13
Noreen B. Oct. 14
Melissa L. Oct. 18

October Anniversaries:

Ed H. 35 years
Cate R. 16 years