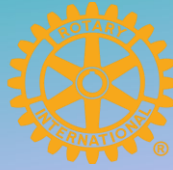


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October 7, 2026

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

Rob's Poem: *Mushroom* by Sylvia Plath

Nick Kurtz Classification Talk

Nick joined Rotary to get more involved in the community following in the footsteps of a family committed to doing good. Many members knew Dr. Bob Wilson, Nick's great grandfather and Dover's first pediatrician, as well as his grandfather Dave Wilson and his mom, Michele Kurtz, a community volunteer and Portsmouth Rotarian.

A unique golf skill seems permeate his family's DNA. Nick revealed, in answer to a member question, his handicap is a "3". While significantly better than most members, he is still envious of his uncle, Brett Wilson's + 6 handicap.

A graduate of Dover Middle School, Dover High School and Wentworth Technical Institute, Nike majored in biomedical engineering and now works as a financial advisor. He loves golf and playing with his Australian Sheep dogs; a brother and rambunctious sister combo.

He has already discovered the joys of picking up bags of trash at the last Willand Pond cleanup day with partner Gregg D. and hopes to channel his golf experience into developing a new and different Rotary golf fundraiser along with Nick P. Welcome, Nick!

New Member Inductions:

Membership chair Steve P. inducted Sam Tokuno, Mike and Kim Lemoi (sponsored by Nick P.

Sam was born in Hiroshima, Japan, and took the opportunity to express his gratitude to Rotary and the USA for turning his Japanese pessimism to American optimism since he moved to this nation, "By the people and for the people," he said

Welcome, Sam, Mike and Kim

By-laws Discussion & Vote:

President Rob opened discussion to the membership regarding the recent updated By-laws approved by the BOD in August.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Oct. 21: 12:15 p.m. Broadway -
Jane Bard Exec. Dir. for the
Children's Museum

Events:

Oct. 15, After Hours Companion
Club, 5:30, Otto Restaurant
Oct. 20: BOD, 12:30, Broadway
Oct. 24: Garden Cleanup – 9 a.m.
Oct. 28: Membership breakfast,
Broadway 8 a.m.
Oct. 29: End 68 Hours of Hunger,
8 a.m.

Pledge: Nick P.

4-Way Test: Steve P.

Newsletter authored by Noreen B.

By-laws committee chair **Malcolm M.** spoke about the importance of By-laws as a legal structure that defines rules and the decision making process to protect the club's mission. He thanked Marion C. and Noreen B. for their assistance as members of the committee. Noreen distributed copies of the summary of changes distributed at the Sept. 17 meeting for review.

Discussion:

Pres. Rob clarified one issue that was not clear: a business/organization may have one member and two associate members but only has one vote.

Jim M. had two concerns:

First: regarding implied promotion/advertising/highlighting

He was concerned about the section under the new Business/Organization Membership that stated, "Every business/organization member is entitled to a company/organization highlight on the Rotary Club of Dover, NH's ClubRunner page." Jim said when he joined Rotary he was told in a Fireside Chat if you join Rotary to grow your business, you won't but if you are a good Rotarian, you will grow your business.

Steve P. said the membership committee developed the wording from other club descriptions, and this bullet item could be changed or deleted.

Second: regarding approval of investment expenditures

Jim recalled when he was president, the BOD had a discussion about needing a 2/3 vote to access the club's investment fund but that never made it to the final document.

Gregg D. noted the club decided, instead, to expand the Finance Committee to meet four times a year and the board must approved draw downs on investments.

Kathy F. asked if Rotary International's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) statement could be added to the By-laws and also noted in the past when BING was a print document business could purchase adds to help pay for the printing cost, which went away when printing BING ended.

Pres. Rob noted several local organizations are considering joining Rotary including the Woodman Museum, Triangle Club and Children's Museum.

Cathann P. said local business models are changing and some give employees time off to volunteer, and the new type memberships will be beneficial to the club.

Nick P. said we should "let people in the door" and try new things.

Noreen reviewed the suggested addendums:

1. Remove the bullet highlighting a business on the website
2. Add the Rotary International DEI statement ([Rotary-DEI-Statement.pdf](#))

President Rob noted we had a quorum and Kathy F. moved to accept the By-laws, with two addendums, approved unanimously.

District Celebration at Pease (Port City Air) will be held Oct. 17 to honor veterans and provide 3-5 service dogs to veterans. \$20pp, must register in advance. Doors open 1pm; ceremony starts 2pm.

Club Assembly:

Finance: Gregg D. thanked Becky C. for her accounting support. The club had \$283,000 at the end of August in the investment account. Gregg drew down \$42,500 from the account to pay the bills, since Bingo is not bringing in the cash need to cover expenses.

Pres. Rob noted diminishing bingo funds are one of the reasons the club began a Grants Committee, headed by Kendra L. The committee has applications out to three businesses and Nick P. said he is working with Nick K. on a unique golf fundraiser next spring at the Oaks inside golf location to hold a longest drive event – he is anticipating a potential ten grand in proceeds for Rotary projects.

Projects to support the unhoused community - Mitten Making & Job Lot Shopping: Jim M. noted the next Mitten Making events will be **Nov. 7 and Dec. 5** at our Broadway location, 9 – noon. Only 4 Rotarians attended the last event – more are needed!!! Job Lot shopping for warm clothing coming soon – date to be announced.

Membership: Steve P. announced two events now on the club's social media:

- **Membership information breakfast Oct. 28** – Broadway, 8 a.m. RSVP. Guests fee. Fat Dog will once again cater
- **Companion Club After Hours – 2nd meeting, Oct. 15**, 5:30, Otto Restaurant backroom – working on standards of operation and discussing signature event.

End 68-Hours of Hunger: Oct. 29, 8 a.m. St. John's Methodist Church, Melissa L. will send signup genius

Senior visits: Look for dates, trivia, all times at 3 -4 p.m.: Covered Bridge – Oct, Waldron Towers – Nov., Maple Suites – Dec., Riverside – Jan. (bingo), Langdon Place – Feb, Silver Squares – March.

PR Committee Update: Donation button live on website, social media promoting both membership events, online store front open – Kathy F. reported members will soon be able to order a variety of items with Dover Rotary logos through an online store at Collins. More to come.

Interact: Cindy I. reported on a plan for students to potentially participate in the Holiday Parade giving out books while following the Traveling Tales Van. She also noted the new advisor is doing a great job and over 70 students attended the first meeting. The Interactors were busy all day at Apple Harvest and made over \$100 in donations. The shred event will be next April.

Shoe & Boot: Cindy I. reported there have not been any requests from the schools yet. Gregg noted four vouchers were distributed in July and August.

Garden: Noreen reported the fall garden cleanup will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24.

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