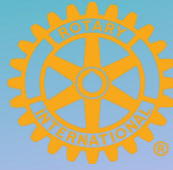


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September 16, 2026

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

President's Poem: "Do Not Be Ashamed" by Wendell Berry

New Member Induction:

We are delighted to induct new member, **Nick Kurtz**, to the Rotary Club of Dover. He was introduced by Membership Committee Chair Steve Pappajohn and pinned by President Rob Gagnon. Welcome, Nick!



Program: Beau Lambert – First Push Syndicate

President Rob introduced today's speaker: Beau Lambert, a Maine native and founder of the First Push Syndicate, a sports and educational non-profit, which trains students to skateboard in school PE classes through its "Get on Board" program.

Beau ran the Rye Airfield Skatepark from 2002 to 2020 when it closed. He founded FPS in 2013 to provide "grit-building" opportunities for school-age kids, to improve wellness---both physical and mental, to encourage lifelong outdoor activities, and to provide inclusive and adaptive programs for all abilities.

FPS has a retreat house near Bucksport, Maine for kids' groups of 12 to experience outdoor adventuring and trail-building, but the bulk of its efforts work with schools' PE programs. Beau estimates that, since 2013, FPS has put over 100,000 students on a skateboard in over 140 schools and trained 200+ teachers across 26 states. They also sponsor a number of credentialed programs at several New England colleges. They provide equipment, adaptive gear, corresponding STEM activities, and teacher resource materials.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Sept. 30: 9 am. Broadway - PR Committee, contact Beth F. - 9 a.m.

Oct. 7: 12:15 p.m. Broadway - Bylaws discussion/vote

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

Events:



Sept. 30: Backyard Gathering at Kathy F.'s 5:30 -watch for email

Oct. 1: End 68 Hours of Hunger: Sept. 8-9 am

Oct. 3: Apple Harvest Marshals needed for 5K -contact Chamber

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

Guests: Sam Tokuno, Pat Sorenson, Beau Lambert, Sallyann Taylor, Jodi Langellotti

Pledge: Cathy B.

4-Way Test: Nick P.

Newsletter authored by Cathy B.

Skateboarding science has shown documented social, emotional, and physical benefits for students, even helping to heal past brain trauma. “Get on Board” has also provided skateboard activities at many Unified Sports Days in the area. They are a self-funded organization (from the sale of Rye Skatepark) and also seek grants. They have worked with Northeast Passage at UNH on adaptive technology so that all students may participate in skateboarding activities. First Push has offices in the McConnell Center in Dover.

Presentations:

President Rob announced three check presentations at today’s meeting. Rotary is thrilled to be able to help fund and support these worthy programs in our community.



Pat Sorenson,
Dover Grab ‘N Go



Jodi Langellotti,
Dover Middle School



Sallyann Taylor, Dover
Parents Music Club

Announcements:

- Thursday, Sept. 17---**Rotary After Hours** get-together at Revo Casino at 5:30pm. Discussion will focus on Dover’s new companion club and members of the public are invited to help in its formation, goals, and projects.
- Thursday, Oct. 1---First “**End 68 Hours of Hunger**” session of the new school year. 8am at St. John’s Methodist on Cataract Avenue. (These will continue monthly.)
- Saturday, Oct. 17---**District Celebration at Pease** (Port City Air) to honor veterans and provide 3-5 service dogs to veterans. \$20pp, must register in advance. Doors open 1pm; ceremony starts 2pm.
- Saturday, Oct. 10---**Revo Casino Gala** at Manchester Doubletree. We are invited! Doors open 6pm; Dinner 7-9pm. Wear red! Gregg D. and Harry C. urge attendance and carpools.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30---**Social event!** Cookout at Kathy Fink’s house, 45 Fourth St. 5:30pm. Bring lawn chairs and a side dish to share. More info to come!
- Saturday, Oct. 3---**Apple Harvest Day**. Chamber needs volunteers at morning road race, 7:30-11am. Sign-up genius recruitment has been sent to all.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30---**Community Cares** Mental Health event at Alnoba, Kensington, 9am-1pm. \$60. See Katie Soule or Steve Pappjohn for more info.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30---**PR Committee** meets at 121 Broadway, 9-10am

Happy Bucks:

- **Nancy B.** for a delightful visit with her two nieces from Connecticut
- **Gregg D.** for DMHA event earlier this morning, and welcome to Nick K.
- **Pati F-W** for End 68 Hours and for Grab ‘N Go programs
- **Steve P.** for speaker Beau, for the start of the Companion Club, and for a longer summer
- **Nick P.** for speaker Beau, for new member Nick K., and for Amy’s Treat Bar Crawl Oct. 24
- **Nick K.** is happy to be our newest member!

50/50 Raffle: \$321-- Drawing won by Cathanne P. who drew the Jack of diamonds. Pot grows!

September Birthdays:

Seneca B. Sept. 11

September Anniversaries:

Jim M. 36 years

Kathy F. 26 years

Becky C. 1 year