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Newsletter

Rotary

Dover, NH

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UNITE FOR GOOD

September 17, 2025 – Broadway

President Cathy B. welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover.

Program: SNUG Presentation, Induction, Club Assembly

President Cathy invited SNHUG to come forward to accept a Community Giving Grant in the amount of \$1500 to support this weekend's SNHUGFEST to be performed at the Rotary Pavilion in Henry Law Park.

SNHUG expects over 1300 people will attend the event and Dover Rotary is the major sponsor. The group was started in 2012 and currently has over 800 members. SNHUG realized after it was established that it wanted to support a charity and the Ukelele Kids Club was chosen. "Music Heals" is the motto of the charity and it was formed at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Florida when performers wanted to help children with their music. They realized guitars were too large for children to handle in hospital beds and decided ukeleles were better suited for their effort.

SNHUGFEST was started 10 years ago to support the Ukelele Kids Club and over 15,000 ukeleles have been provided for music therapy for children. Local hospitals including Wentworth Douglass, Barbara Bush Medical center and Eliot Children's Hospital in Manchester are among the beneficiaries. Participating celebrities include Jason Mroz and Jamie Shimabakoru.

The group thanked us by entertaining us with "Hey Good Lookin" performed with their ukeleles.

New Member Induction: Standing in for Membership Chair Steve P., President Cathy inducted Kim Hanson as the newest member of The Rotary Club of Dover. Welcome to our club, Kim!

Committee Reports:

- **International Committee:** Gregg D. welcomed Harvey Bernier to the podium to accept a \$1500 donation for the Chapala Sunrise Club for use with their various projects. Dover Rotary

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings (12:15 pm):

Oct. 1: Nellie Young -outreach project in Peru

Oct. 15: Classification talks

Events:

Sept. 24: Fireside Chat, 12 noon, Membership Committee

Sept. 25: Food Packing, St. John's Church, 8 a.m.

Sept. 27: Garden Cleanup and mum planting, 9 a.m.

Oct. 8: Mental Health Putting event, 5-8 p.m. Form a team!

Oct. 21: BOD meeting at Chamber 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 29: Membership event - TBD

Guests: Pam Simpson, Members of Southern New Hampshire Ukelele Group (SNHUG)

Visiting Rotarian: Harvey Bernier, Chapala Sunrise Rotary Club

Pledge: Cathy B.

4-Way Test: Jerry D.

Today's newsletter authored by Gregg D.

started supporting the Chapala Sunrise Rotary's Kid's Kitchen three years ago and Harvey shared pictures of the project. The Kid's Kitchen, located in San Pedro Itzican, Jalisco, Mexico is feeding over 200 children per day. Dover Rotary was instrumental in launching this project due to the funds we provided to purchase equipment. The committee has pledged to support additional funds when Harry and Marion C. are able to visit Lake Chapala later this Fall. The committee has also provided funds for several international projects and is considering additional funding for a global grant project initiated by the Portsmouth Rotary Club.

- **Co-Sergeant-At-Arms** Jay S. shared the birthday and anniversary list for September and issued fines for failing to answer several trick questions correctly. He also shared some history of past club members and his delight in the role.
- **Community Giving Committee:** Jay also reported for the Community Giving Committee. The committee has already awarded five grants in the current year and has three additional applications to consider. He reviewed the process for grant awards and indicated the applications will soon be online through our website.
- **Milk and Egg Committee:** President Cathy reported for Cate R. that the Milk and Egg Committee. This year's budget is \$35,000 and last year we provided over 3000 coupons which served 60 families per week.
- **Vocational Tools Grant:** reporting for Jim M., President Cathy indicated there is nothing yet to report for this year, however, we have \$4000 budgeted for the support of individuals pursuing a career in the trades.
- **Literacy:** reporting for Marion C., Cathy indicated that Marion is in contact with Kathy Hochul of the Traveling Tales Van regarding their needs for the current year. She also reports that the Dictionary distribution will be held in Late October.
- **Senior Visits:** Melissa L. reports that Langdon Place in Dover is interested in having us visit with their residents and she will be setting up that visit soon.
- **District Grant:** Melissa also reports that the Mini-split system purchased through the District Grant we received is in place and we will be celebrating that achievement on Thursday, September 25th. We will be packing food bags for End 68 Hours of Hunger beginning at 8:00 AM with a photo opportunity at 8:30 AM. This will make a huge difference for End 68 Hours of Hunger and has been much appreciated.
- **Finance Committee:** Gregg D. reported that the finances for the club are in good condition with an 8/31/25 balance of \$330, 103. He also reported that all 2025 Scholarship awards have been paid. Bingo, our main fundraising activity, is beginning to pick up again after a slow summer. He also reminded club members that there would be no Bingo this week as we are moving to our new temporary location in the Lilac Casino. The Finance Committee will meet at Nick P.'s Office on Tuesday, September 23rd at 3:00 PM.
- **Foundation:** Harry C. shared a video highlighting the important work that Rotary does around the world through the Rotary International Foundation. He spoke of the successful SHARE Forever Campaign District 7780 recently completed which raised \$5,242,000 for the Foundation. District 7780 will benefit from this success as \$2,500,000 will be coming back to our district in the future for District Designated Grants. It is expected that this will generate \$260,000 each year for district use.
- **Paul Harris Awards:** Harry was then able to recognize Cathy B. with Paul Harris + 1 and Nick P. with Paul Harris +3 awards. Congratulations and Thank You for your support.
- **Garden Committee:** Saturday, September 27th at 9:00 AM will be the next garden cleanup event. We will also be planting mums in the front garden in preparation for Apple Harvest Day.

- **Interact /RYLA:** Cindy I. and Phil R. reported on Interact and RYLA. The first meeting of Dover HS Interact will be held Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. Apple Harvest Day will be their first event. They expect 40-50 members this year. RYLA is a leadership academy available to Sophomores next June with applications available in January. Any interested student from Dover is eligible for the 5-day RYLA experience.
- **Membership:** Cindy I. reported the membership committee will be holding a Fireside chat with prospective members on Weds., September 24th at 12:00 Noon. The next membership recruitment open house will be held October 29th.
- **PR & Marketing Committee:** Beth F. shared that a Rotary Marker will be installed at Henry Law Park this Fall. The marker will include Dover Rotary projects past and present designed to promote Rotary contributions to Dover and the world over the years. Beth also shared the design for a new rack card being developed and informed the club that new Rotary signs will be placed at entry locations in Dover.
- **Shoe and Boot:** Nick P. reported that vouchers for children have been distributed for the beginning of the school year, and the budget has \$2500 for the program.
- **Kids Closet:** Gregg D. thanked Club members who helped purchase and distribute over 3300 snacks to the three Dover elementary schools. In addition to the \$1200 in snacks, each school received \$400 in gift cards for use by Guidance Counselors at their discretion to support children and families. Another \$500 in gift cards were provided to both SCCAP Head Start and Dover Police Department ACERT (Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team) for their use.

Dover Rotary Video: Kathy F. presented a preview of a video being produced promoting Dover Rotary and the good work it does in our community. It should be finalized this Fall.

Raffle: Harry C. won the opportunity to draw the Queen of Clubs but had no luck.

September birthdays:

Seneca B. Sept. 11
 Terrie H. Sept. 13
 Jonathan N. Sept. 13

September anniversaries:

Dan S. 35 years
 Jim M. 35 years
 Kathy F. 25 years