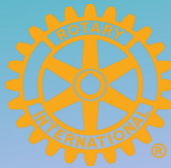


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Newsletter

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



**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

September 2, 2026

President Rob G. welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, NH. His poem this week was written by Rotary poet of the year Riaan Odendaal of the Rotary Club of Blouberg, South Africa, "The Wheels That Turn the World" Read the full poem here:

[winners-2025.pdf](#)

Program: District Governor Michele Bois-Gilbody

The Last time our DG was with Dover Rotary was for our changeover party on July 1st.

Michele said the role of DG involves lots of traveling and one take-away she gets from every club is members truly care about each other, they know each. Like a family inside of another family. That is the baseline for member engagement and robust recruitment.

Attraction & Engagement

The Dover club is doing so much in the community – how can you not be attractive to others? When asked, what's important is how you respond, telling the story of how one became a Rotarian. She told her story of when Rotary became a thing of the heart – when distributing food and a former recipient came and donated food herself.

Engagement happens when people show that they care about each other. When people feel as though they are cared about, they engage.

Rotary theme for the year: Create Lasting Impact

When we do one thing, look after it to the next step.

Special thanks for the mental health work we are doing in this community.

Stewardship & Opportunity

We inherited Rotary, we didn't create it. Now is our chance to continue the good work of making Rotary better for the next generation. What will we do to make it appealing for the next generation to continue the impact of Rotary? When we build a stronger, more vibrant Rotary today, we are building options for future generations. When thinking about the future, look as far out as the 7th generation.

Oct 17: Foundation event – has been emailed out to club.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Sep. 16: Potluck, Broadway, speaker Beau Lambert – First Push

Sep. 30: PR Committee, contact Beth F.

Events:

Sep. 10: BJs Shopping for School Snacks, 1 p.m., contact Gregg D.

Sep. 12: Mitten Making, 9 a.m., Broadway

Sep. 17: Companion Club Kick Off Info Meeting, 5:30 Revo

Sep. 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.

Visiting Rotarian: DG Michele Bois-Gilbody

Guests: Mike and Kim, Guest of Nick P.

Pledge: Nick P.

4-Way Test: Cathy B.

Newsletter authored by Jim V.

Questions?

Plans around the JAGs (Joint Action Group) – how the two districts have begun to think about the future of the merger. There has been a retreat for leaders from both districts. Goal of the JAG teams is to figure out the best way to tap into the strengths of both current districts. Town halls also in place, May 28 and 29, zoom meetings to hear about the progress with the opportunity also to become involved in this work.

Bylaws Discussion

A motion by Jim Munro to delay acting on the proposed by-laws, in favor of club assembly, after receiving a red-lined copy so we can easily find and think about actual changes. Seconded by Malcolm.

Noreen distributed a document that highlighted major changes. Malcolm and Marion are the two others who took on the revision task. All three are in favor of this motion.

The motion passed unanimously after supportive comments.

Announcements:

Check presentation:

June Pinkham accepted a \$1,000 donation to Youth Ukelele Club. With this check, their annual fundraising goal has been met.

Also: \$1,000 to go to Dover Middle School

\$250 to Rotary Foundation on in Michele's name

Connection of Dolly Parton to Rotary

President Rob noted Dolly Parton's impoverished childhood inspired her to distribute books to kids – Imagination Library – a book a year to every child. Her foundation teamed up with Rotary on this project and in 2010 she was the keynote speaker at the Montreal convention.

A silent remembrance of Dolly. Suggestion: we support an Imagination Library here in Dover.

Mitten Making Workshop – Jim M. announced the next workshop will be Saturday, Sept. 12th, 9am – Noon

Gregg said Common Man for Ukraine is also collecting mittens for Ukraine right now. Could that fit in with The Mitten Project mission; could also send mittens donated by individual woman? Jim M. will discuss with Seacoast Sweet Stiches

End 68 Hours of Hunger - Melissa L. said the first one this fall is **Thursday, October 1**, which is the fourth week for September, then next will be the actual 4th Thursday of October, 8-9 am for packing, then drivers deliver bags. Family members welcome.

Senior Visits – Melissa reported we now have 7 communities that want us to come back, either BINGO or trivia. Usually an afternoon event.

BJs shopping trip for school snacks: Thursday the Sept. 10th at 1pm, snacks to be delivered to the elementary schools. Usually one vehicle to each school. We do this annually. Let Gregg know if you plan to participate.

Apple Harvest Day, October 3- Pam S. said the Chamber is looking for marshals for the 5K race course. At least 10 people needed. Have to register through the Chamber, 7:30 – 11:00 am. Meets down by the McConnell Center.

PR Committee: Beth F. said next month they will roll-out of the “storefront” for Rotary swag, about ready to go live. PR Committee very active, next meeting is on the 30th. Thanks to committee members, many people, a lot of work to be done.

Rotary garden – Noreen reported the garden is currently blocked from view due to Henry Law Park construction project, so the plan to plant mums has been cancelled. A clean out day will be scheduled in October. Currently any weeding would be helpful.

Backyard gathering: Kathy F. invited all to a gathering in her backyard on **Sept. 30 , 5:30**, BBQ & picnic. Look for email with more information.

Companion Club – Steve P. announced a Companion Club info session to discuss the effort to bring in people who can't be at our regular meetings but want connection: **Thursday, September 17, 5:30 to 7:00** in restaurant portion at REVO.

Membership Information Breakfast: October 28 is our next membership breakfast. Harvest Theme. Steve P. said our current membership is 57, up about 10 over the past year. Goal is 75 by the end of this year.

HAPPY BUCKS:

- **Kendra L.** - One for the “brr” months, her favorite of the year
- **Alicia C.** - Six for each grandchildren
- **Pam S.** - Five for great summer, one each grandchild here, glad to be at meetings
- **Michele B-G** – nice to be here
- **Marion C.** – three for Michelle visit and soon in Cancun
- **Gregg D.** – thanks to Kendra on mental health grant \$2,000, boys back in school, now in high school, thanks to Michele for visit and leadership
- **Jessica C.** – remembered cash, win in gold tournament, happy to be back, camping trip, huge supporter of democracy, get out to vote
- **Steve P.** – Rotary sponsors Dover Teen Center, heartfelt thanks; 20 years on the job
- **Jim M.** – two for 36 years, good presentation by Michele, granddaughter in middle school, 3rd bichon, 7 year old.
- **Melissa L.** – 3 for little sister in 4th grade, vacation on Marco Island with her mom
- **Nancy B.** - \$20, mostly because of improved mental health by coming to this meeting; Rotary was in her life well before Rotary admitted women; often spoke as a result of the work she was doing that Rotary supported.
- **Cate R.** – deep caring about every person in this room
- **Noreen B.** – five for thanks to Michele, Cate for fixing Nancy's computer, Malcom for being on crazy bylaws committee

September Birthdays:

Seneca B.

September Anniversaries:

Jim M. 36 years

Kathy F. 26 years

Becky C. 1 year