Dear Friends,

With all that is going on around us right now it’s far too easy to get swept up in negativity. Instead, I’d like to focus on some of the positive things I have witnessed in our community over the past several months. These things include (but are not limited to!):

The smiles on the faces of members of the Dover High School Class of 2020 as they drove along Central Ave. waving to the many people who came out to support the graduates.

The positive messages that have been painted on storefronts around the city.

The leadership of our city and regional officials as they work to keep us safe.

The resiliency of our local businesses as they adapt to find creative new ways to do business.

The dedication of our members, who have been willing to “show up” for virtual morning mixers and business open houses in this strange new working environment.

The generosity of the local experts who acted quickly to develop webinars designed to help area businesses understand and take advantage of the federal COVID relief programs.

The positive attitudes and commitment of our staff, ambassadors, and board of directors as we navigate these uncharted waters amidst a sea of uncertainty.

The ability of people to gather peacefully to express themselves and advocate for change.

Finally, and most importantly, the folks who showed up every day without fail to care for the sick, deliver the mail, sell us our groceries, repair our vehicles, provide takeout meals, answer our calls for help, and so much more. We cannot thank you enough.

We still have a long road ahead of us, full of challenges that we will need to overcome, but I am hopeful about the future. Hopeful that this community will continue to support each other, lift one another up, and take care of those in need. If this year has shown us nothing else, it has proven—without a doubt—that we are all in this together!

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Chamber Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce marked its 100th anniversary on Monday, April 20, with a virtual celebration attended by Chamber staff, ambassadors, members and board members. Dover Mayor Robert Carrier read a mayoral proclamation at the outset of the event. The proclamation will be presented formally to the chamber at a future Dover City Council meeting.

An excerpt from the proclamation reads, “The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce has worked tirelessly over the past 100 years to provide value to its members, residents, and visitors by facilitating and sustaining growth of businesses, organizations, and events. As it enters its second century, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will continue to enhance the chamber experience with an eye toward excellence, innovation, and outstanding achievement.”

Mayor Carrier also thanked the chamber for partnering with the city on large-scale community events such as Cochecho Arts Festival, Apple Harvest Day, and Festival of Trees. “I look forward to a time, in the not-too-distant future, when we can meet in person to continue the good work of this community,” he said.

Chamber President Margaret Joyce thanked Mayor Carrier for his leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic and echoed his wish for being able to conduct chamber business in person before too long. “And may the next 100 years be as memorable as the first 100,” Margaret stated.

Long May She Wave

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce City Lights Committee spent a sunny afternoon in May hanging American flags throughout Dover’s downtown area. The City Lights Committee is a volunteer group of Chamber of Commerce members and Dover residents dedicated to placing the flags throughout the city during the summer months, as well as illuminating downtown Dover with festive lights during the holiday season.

The hanging of the flags was made possible through the City Lights Committee and the Dover Elks Lodge #184, Cleary Cleaners of Dover, JEWELERS and Embroidery donated their cleaning services to freshen up the flags before they were hung. Volunteers who helped hang the flags this year were Brian Dailey, Dover Elks Lodge #184; Daniel Gagnon, Prudential Advisors; and Deborah Clough, Dover Main Street; as well as Chamber staff members.

The City Lights Committee is funded by Dover’s annual Festival of Trees, which features trees elaborately decorated by local businesses and organizations to be auctioned and raffled off at the event.

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Chamber Business Programs Go Virtual

Much like many businesses in the greater Dover area, the Chamber has had to adapt to the current state of norms and regulations resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. When trying to determine how to continue to provide our members with opportunities for networking and business connections while also social distancing, we put on our thinking caps and developed some creative solutions to offer at least some semblance of “business as usual.”

Over the past three months the Chamber has conducted three successful Morning Mixers and two Business Open Houses, with one of them also serving as the Chamber’s 100th Anniversary party. With both the Morning Mixers and Business Open Houses, we used Zoom’s breakout rooms feature to create programs similar in format to our usual in-person events. For the Morning Mixers, participants are given 3-5 minutes in the breakout rooms to network with each other before being moved to a different breakout room, where the speed networking begins all over again.

Business Open Houses proved to be somewhat trickier. With the traditional in-person format, participants are free to mingle with each other, selecting smaller groups of people to connect with. With the Zoom breakout rooms, participants are assigned to smaller breakout groups and given 10-15 minutes to network. Then they are reassigned to another breakout room to network with a different group of people.

For each of the Business Open Houses we incorporated an element of fun that was also designed to support local businesses. For the Chamber’s Anniversary Party, we celebrated with cupcakes purchased from and decorated by Harvey’s Bakery. The second Business Open House occurred just before Memorial Day, so we purchased red, white, and blue petunias from Wentworth Greenhouses. Both the cupcakes and the petunias were made available to participants via no-contact pickup at the Chamber. During our most recent Morning Mixer, sponsored by First Seacoast Bank and hosted by Greg West Photography, Greg was able to provide a virtual tour of his business during the opening remarks.

Our annual Local Expert Series was originally going to focus on Networking Across the Generations. Instead we pivoted to provide content designed to help local businesses navigate the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Thanks to our friends at Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, P.A.; Shaheen & Gordon, P.A.; HR Partners; and First Seacoast Bank; our members and other area businesses were able to learn from the experts how to navigate the application and forgiveness aspects of the PPP. We also conducted a “Marketing for a Successful Re-opening” webinar in conjunction with Townsquare Media and the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center. If you missed these webinars, they are available for viewing on our website at dovernh.org/covid-19.

Thank you all for your flexibility and support over the past few months. While we don’t know what the future will hold, you can be sure the Chamber will continue to innovate with programs designed to help our members and our community grow and thrive.

Bridge to our Future: Connecting Students to Businesses

One of the Chamber events that we had to cancel this year was the Bridge to our Future: Connecting Students to Businesses seminar. This annual event is always one of our favorites as we meet such an incredible variety of engaging and intelligent young people.

Bridge to our Future pairs students with professionals from difference career clusters such as Manufacturing, Architecture and Construction, Recreation Management, Public Safety, Health Sciences, Hospitality, Marketing, Human Services, Information Technology, and Transportation. During the Bridge to our Future event students rotate from table to table, spending approximately 10 minutes learning about each career and the required education and training.

Cocheco Financial Group in Dover is the long-time sponsor for Bridge to our Future.

According to Don Cichon, a financial advisor with Cocheco Financial Group and chair of the Bridge to our Future planning committee, “This is the seventh year we have planned and sponsored this event. The participating students consistently tell us how much they appreciate the contacts they make and how much they value the opportunity to explore a variety of career paths in a small-group setting.”

Two of those students, Zach Nelson-Marois and his twin sister Kylie Nelson-Marois, participated in Bridge to our Future their sophomore and junior years. This year Zach and Kylie graduated from Dover High School as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Zach is headed to Dartmouth College in the fall to study engineering and Kylie will matriculate at Wesleyan to major in neuroscience and biochemistry and play field hockey for the school.

“Our mom saw the notice about Bridge to our Future event and encouraged my brother and me to sign up,” says Kylie. “I was pretty set on becoming a doctor but meeting people in the medical field throughout my high school years helped solidify my decision.”

Kylie was able to secure an internship at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital shadowing a variety of medical professionals and observing several operating room procedures. “The surgeons were so informative, taking the time to tell me what they were doing,” she says.

Kylie chose Wesleyan because it has a robust science program and offers an abundance of research opportunities. Zach decided on Dartmouth because the school will allow him to explore a range of engineering disciplines and take classes in a wide array of subjects.

“I would encourage students to participate in the Bridges event because you can network and make a lot of connections,” says Zach. “You are also exposed to a wide range of careers, which is great if you aren’t sure what field you want to pursue.”

Kylie believes she is fortunate in that she is not shy. “I am comfortable talking to just about anyone,” she says. “But if you are not outgoing, the Bridge to our Future program is especially helpful because you can talk with a dozen or more professionals in a small-group setting and walk away with contacts that you can follow up with later.”

“We continue to support Bridge to our Future because the participating students show tremendous enthusiasm and interest at the event. We very much appreciate the time and energy that the volunteer business and professional participants give to the students.”

The Chamber hopes to host the Bridge to our Future event next year. In the meantime, we wish all the best to Zach and Kylie Nelson-Marois, as well as all the other graduating seniors!
MEMBER RENEWALS

The Board of Directors and Staff wish to thank the following members who renewed their Chamber investments in March, April, May:

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Lights of Love Torch is Passed to Cornerstone VNA

The Frisbie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board is pleased to announce that it has passed the torch of their annual Lights of Love event to Cornerstone VNA, a local nonprofit home health and hospice care organization. Lights of Love, an annual event founded in 1986 by Jane Cooper Fall, welcomes community members to pay tribute to the people who have had a special impact on their lives. Lights of Love has continued to be an important community event due to the work of Jane and The Frisbie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board. Although Jane passed away in October 2018, her legacy will be continued with pride and honor by the Cornerstone VNA team.

Due to the recent acquisition of Frisbie Memorial Hospital by HCA Healthcare, The Frisbie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board enthusiastically agreed to transition the Lights of Love Celebration to Cornerstone VNA. Pam Verbicky, Frisbie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board President notes, “For over 30 years, Jane Cooper Fall was the driving force behind Lights of Love. Jane always said that Lights of Love was not a fundraiser but rather a way for community members to pay tribute to those who had touched their lives. Because community was so important to Jane and the role Cornerstone VNA has in the community, it is was an easy decision for the Auxiliary Board to transition Lights of Love to the VNA. We are confident they will run the program in accordance with Jane’s wishes for many years to come, thus providing a lasting legacy to Jane’s benevolence.”

For nearly 50 years, Cornerstone VNA has been very proud to have known Jane and celebrate her many accomplishments. In 1970, Jane became president of the Farmington VNA, which is now known as Cornerstone VNA. Over the years, Jane remained very involved with the VNA and even served on the Board of Directors until 1997. During Cornerstone VNA’s 100th year, Jane was presented with the 2013 Cornerstone Award for her dedication and years of service to the VNA. She also served for more than 50 years on the FMH Auxiliary, and received numerous awards for her volunteerism and outstanding service to health care in the community.

According to Dr. Bob Rubino, who has been involved with the event since its inception, “It was a great joy to me to learn that our Lights of Love Christmas program will continue because of Cornerstone VNA. In speaking to a few men in the chorus, they were delighted to hear that we will be continuing to ‘make music’ at the Christmas season, thank goodness!”

The 34th Annual Lights of Love Celebration will take place on December 2nd at the Frisbie Memorial Hospital Conference Center in Rochester, NH. According to Cornerstone VNA President/CEO, Julie Reynolds, RN, MS, “Due to Cornerstone VNA’s close relationship with Jane and The Frisbie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board, it is the perfect way to continue this annual tradition of celebrating and remembering the special people in our lives. We are grateful for this opportunity and to many of the Frisbie Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Board Members who will continue volunteering to support Lights of Love alongside our team.” Please visit cornerstonevna.org/lightsoflove for more information and to sign up to receive special event notifications.

Cornerstone VNA is a nonprofit organization currently serving Rockingham, Strafford, Belknap and Carroll Counties in New Hampshire and York County in Maine. The team at Cornerstone VNA provides award-winning care and support through five distinct programs: Home Care, Hospice Care, Palliative Care, Life Care-

Dover Shows Solidarity in Green and White

Mayor Robert Carrier in early May encouraged the entire community to proudly display Dover’s signature colors of green and white as a reminder we’re all in this together. The initiative, “Green and White, Let’s Unite!” is a way for the entire community to show solidarity during the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

“During this unprecedented public health emergency, our residents and business community are faced with new challenges every day,” Carrier said. “Despite these challenges, one thing I know for certain is Dover will beat this. Part of the fabric of our community’s nearly 400-year heritage is our resilience.”

Mayor Carrier said people can show their support for the community by displaying green and white any way they choose. He said it can be anything from a green and white ribbon wrapped around a tree or hanging from a window or door, a handmade poster, or green and white hearts in a store front window.

“This is an easy way to show support for the entire community,” Carrier said. “We’re all in this together, whether it be your neighbor, the business community, healthcare professionals and first responders, or essential staff at our grocery stores and restaurants. I hope everyone will join me. We’re stronger together.”

Mayor Carrier asks people to share their green and white pride on social media with the hashtag of #DoverStrong.
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saw the need for masks and together with its sister companies, MillYardage and Mill Direct Textiles, came together to design a mask using the resources around them!

Wristies manufactures its namesake product, Wristies, a finger free glove out of Polartec® fleece which can be worn as a glove liner or by itself on a chilly day or in a cold office, among other products like; Polartec® blankets, hats and neck warmers. Mill Yardage offers Polartec fabrics by the yard to home stitchers and small businesses. Mill Direct Textiles offers Polartec fabrics to growing businesses who need higher volumes as well as manufacturing for Polartec’s custom line of garments. Together, each of these companies were able to pull together to design, produce and sell masks to the general public in the matter of a couple days! Mill Direct Textiles provided the fabric, Polartec supplied stretch binding and Wristies had the machines to create the face masks!

Initially the thought was that a handful of customers might be interested in such a product. “We never dreamed of a response like we saw!” remarked KK Greer, the Principle Leader (business owner of Wristies, Mill Yardage and Mill Direct Textiles).

In the first day, a Friday, orders were flying, on both websites and through company Director, Kim Arkwell. These two women knew immediately that they would have to ramp up production, and fast! That weekend, they had recruited former stitchers for the company as well as a friends and family to all jump in to do what they could to turn orders as quickly as they could.

“I found it to be a very stressful time,” said Greer. “My goal was to keep our employees working, but it was also so rewarding to be helping so many people.”

And work, she did! Some employees needed to adjust schedules to allow for more time at home to be with their families during this unprecedented time.

“The changes have allowed me to work from home while our kids are remote learning. This means we can shelter in place while still earning an income and taking care of family needs at the same time,” comments Product Manager and lead stitcher, Maura Suter.

Suter wasn’t the only member of the team ready to work creatively. Greer was also busy from home, working on the websites and with Polartec, while nursing her one-week old baby. The real driving force behind it all was the Director and bookkeeper, Arkwell. She had such a determined attitude, she found herself lending a hand in the sewing room, training on an entirely new skill for her.

“I wanted to support the team by pitching in, even if it took me out of my comfort zone,” said Arkwell. “They were showing their commitment and dedication by coming in a giving it their all, I needed to show them how much I appreciate them.”

In the matter of a week, a little longer of a delay than their typical 24-hour order fulfillment, they were able to fill orders for thousands of masks. That week, Citizens Bank announced a grant for small businesses and Greer applied in hopes of funding that could provide free masks to essential employees and medical workers who need them.

“While I would prefer to have all our masks free to all, our staff has been working round the clock and on weekends, to maintain safe work practices and increase production and have their own bills to pay,” said Greer. “This grant will allow us the ability to keep our staff paid, while also providing masks to those who need them most for free. I am so grateful to the generosity of Citizens Bank to provide us this wonderful opportunity!”

Dupont’s Uplifts the Community in More Ways than One

The good folks at Dupont’s Service Center took the hand they were dealt during the pandemic and decided to use their platform to help out their community in multiple ways in the past couple months.

In early May, Dupont’s announced a promotion in partnership with local restaurants to aid their recovery from challenges arising from COVID-19.

Through May 31st, any Dupont’s customer that spent $250 or more on any service received a $25 gift card to one of their participating restaurants. Their promotion ran at no cost to the restaurants and aimed to stimulate revenue for local eateries.

Gift Certificates were available from: Earth’s Harvest, Bali Sate House, Christopher’s Third Street Grill & Cinco de Mayo.

Owner Dave Dupont said, “We understand the importance of local restaurants and we want to do our part in helping them keep their staffs employed and doors open.”

Dupont’s also extended their “Vouchers for Healthcare workers discount” till the end of May, in which they gave away $50 vouchers to all local first responders and employees of WDH so they could have their oil changed or whatever auto service that they may have needed. Federated Auto Parts donated the oil filters for the services.

Dupont’s Service Center worked together with Federated Auto Parts to provide service to the first responders of Dover for the entire month of April. Dupont’s gave away $50 vouchers to all local first responders and employees of WDH so they could have their oil changed or whatever auto service they may have needed. Federated Auto Parts donated the oil filters for the services.

Dupont said he is, “Hoping to shine a light on the employees at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital & Dover first responders and to show there are local companies banding together to help the community.”

Dupont’s Service Center was founded in 1961, they have grown to become one of the largest auto repair facilities in the state.

Dupont’s has and will continue to offer free pickup and delivery to help keep their customers as safe and healthy as possible.

“It’s important for all of us to band together to help these local restaurants all of which are struggling right now,” Dupont said.
Eversource Puts the Seacoast Reliability Project into Service

Eversource has completed construction of the Seacoast Reliability Project (SRP), a 13-mile 115 kV transmission line that will help to ensure the continued delivery of reliable power communities and businesses throughout the region depend on. The SRP was energized on Friday, May 29, a milestone that marks the completion of a suite of projects selected by New England’s independent system operator to address the urgent need for additional transmission capacity in the Seacoast region.

“We continue to work hard to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of power has never been more essential than it is during these uncertain times,” said Eversource President of Transmission Bill Quinlan. “The completion of the Seacoast Reliability Project is an exciting development in our efforts to serve our Seacoast customers and to support economic growth in the future.

As restoration and landscaping continue through the spring and summer, we will maintain close communication and collaboration with our host communities, property owners and businesses while adhering to social distancing and other best practices to safeguard health and prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

The SRP was constructed almost completely within existing rights of way between substations in Madbury and Portsmouth. Eversource invested more than $126 million to construct the project and bolster regional infrastructure—delivering direct benefits to Seacoast customers including enhanced system reliability and property tax payments to host communities.

For more information about the Seacoast Reliability Project, visit Eversource.com, call 888-926-5334 or email nhprojectsinfo@eversource.com with any questions.

GFWC Dover Area Woman’s Club

The Dover Area Woman’s Club, founded in 2010, is a group of 13 local women dedicated to improving their community. As members of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs International and General Federation of Women’s Clubs New Hampshire, the group meets monthly to organize ways to volunteer their time, strengths, and spirits in order to make a difference in local communities and improve the lives of others.

The Club’s motto is “Planting Seeds of Friendship and Service Throughout our Community,” and over the years, they have put this motto into action through various acts of kindness:

The Club members have a track record of packing once a month for End 68 Hours of Hunger and once a week the Dover Food Pantry.

The group has adopted a portion of the Dover Community Trail and help to promote the trail and keep it clean whenever possible.

They help promote child abuse awareness through NH Children’s Trust and the Pinwheels for Prevention Program of Prevent Child Abuse America (they planted pinwheel gardens throughout Dover, including two pinwheel gardens at the Dover Chamber).

They plant outdoor seasonal gardens at Riverside Nursing Home.

They’ve partnered with Dover Children’s Home for extra needs such as back-to-school supplies and attending fundraisers and they’ve donated and packed personal care items and gifts of kindness for families entering HAVEN’s shelter during the holidays as part of their signature program ‘Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness and Prevention.’

Most recently, the group has helped pack food for those in need throughout the coronavirus pandemic.

“We currently have 13 members and are always interested in growing and welcoming new members,” said Donna Maskwa, the current GFWC NH Seacoast District Director. “We are small but mighty. We are always looking to introduce ourselves to new prospective members and tell them about our awesome organization. We offer terrific leadership opportunities and training. The opportunity for our small club to grow and do great things is endless. We are growing here in Dover and we have great projects to help anyone who wants to get involved in our community. We are always ‘Planting Seeds of Friendship and Service throughout our Community.’”

Membership to the Dover Area Woman’s Club is open to all residents in Dover and the surrounding area. The club currently has active members from Durham and Rollinsford. Membership is nonrestrictive and totally open, and they are non-partisan, but legislatively very active.

The activity of the Club has helped them gain recognition in the community by winning two creativity awards, which are New Hampshire’s top awards in each of the Club’s service project areas. In the service project area ‘Advocates for Children,’ the Club was recognized due to their work with ‘End 68 Hours of Hunger.’ In the membership advancement area, they were selected for a new members program, which took place at The Woodman Museum in November called ‘Meet us at the Gallery.’

They have also applied for and were selected to receive a special GFWC NH Grant this May. The grant, called ‘Community Sponsorship: Planting Seeds to Grow New Members,’ will allow the Club to be a sponsor for Dover’s 400th Anniversary in 2023. Last September, they received their first grant, ‘Basic Branding for Community Outreach,’ which provided the Club with funding to join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.

“We love the Greater Dover Chamber, its staff, its programming and its members, and especially the other non-profit organizations working here in our community,” said Maskwa. “We had a great time making a wreath for the Festival of Trees, our first project with the Chamber. And we loved attending the Festival also…We wished we were better prepared to bid on those trees!”

For more information about The Dover Area Woman’s Club (that is their preferred spelling!) visit them online at doverareagfwc.org or email them at thedoverawc@yahoo.com.
Join the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce for the 2020 State of the City Presentation. Dover city leaders will report on the outlook and priorities for the remainder of the year. A representative from Wentworth-Douglass Hospital will provide an overview of the hospital’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be time at the end of the program for questions and answers.

**Presenters**

- **J. Michael Joyal, Jr.**
  City Manager

- **Daniel Barufaldi**
  Dover Economic Development Director

- **Paul Haas**
  Dover Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director

- **Dr. Malcolm Rosenson**
  Wentworth-Douglass Chief Quality & Patient Safety Officer

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With local businesses struggling and residents going stir crazy at home, the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce and the City of Dover rolled out two fun programs in May and June designed to support local businesses and foster community engagement.

Throughout the month of May, people were encouraged to download a Dover Bingo card from the Chamber website and complete such tasks as “Pick up some litter,” “Make a purchase from a local retailer,” “Perform a random act of kindness for a stranger,” etc. Winners were chosen at random for from all submitted cards and each week two individuals won $100 gift cards to local businesses.

In June, we debuted Dover Trivia and each week a new trivia card is posted to dovernh.org. Two winners are chosen at random each week to win $100 gift cards to local businesses. This has been a great way to learn more about our city’s history as we approach Dover’s 400th Anniversary!

Thank you to the sponsors who supported these economic recovery efforts: Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, P.A, Underwood Engineers, Profile Bank, Wright-Pierce Engineering, The Rotary Club of Dover, and F.W. Webb Company. We’re all in this together!

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