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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Member Pierre Couture will deliver his classification talk, which is long overdue! However, much to add in his 2 years with us.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



Allison introduced Donna Potter, Statewide Home Care Coordinator for Granite State Independent Living. This agency oversees in-home care to consumers, with 2020 marking its 40th year of operation as an independent living service. Core services provided help folks with disabilities to remain as independent as they wish to be. Core services include information and referral, education, advocacy, self-advocacy and assistance, transitional services from nursing homes to the community and funder of last resort to provide services. They are the experts on services and

technology available to allow folks to safely live independently as productive citizens. Potter mused it would take 2-3 hours to tell us about all their departments. One example she gave was about the department to help folks on disability stipends to go back to work. They help to explore work, how it affects the person's current benefits and help to make it possible to continue working.

Donna opened the floor for questions.



Q #1: *How are you funded?*
A: "We are an independent non-profit. Fundraising efforts, grants, and gifts are the main sources of income. Fundraisers include wheeled basketball tournaments and golf tournaments. Homecare is funded under the state's Medicaid provision. Every day we make a difference in someone's life to remain an active

member of the community. We work extensively with Veteran's Administration and Medicare. Consumers and over 18 years of age and have a disability, contact the agency to request services. A coordinator visits the home to discuss needs to help keep folks in their home. The goal is for anyone who wants to stay home are given the help to do so. The main office is in Concord, with 5 satellite offices in the state including Littleton."

Q #2: *Is there a waiting list?*

A: "No but finding attendant care workers is difficult to meet some consumer's needs. The agency tends to hire LNA's, but they do not keep their license while working with this agency. Starting pay is \$10.25. We are always looking for people, including part time. The person must be flexible."

For more information, go to <https://www.gsil.org/about-us/>

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

VISITING GUEST

Guests included Captain James Moats, Captain Matt Leach and Captain Brian Tuve. They are all with the US Army Recruiting Office in Littleton, having moved here recently from the Berlin office. The officers spoke a bit about their role in actively recruiting Army and Army Reserves and their wish to be involved in the community. Capt. Moats is being transferred; the others live in Littleton and Bath.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nathan announced the Chamber is participating in Department of Labor seminars on employee wage updates. Two sessions will be held on November 19th. Please RSVP to him for a space and more information.
- Town Manager Dorsett announce the Rail Trail has been approved. A public information hearing was held at the Senior Center last Wednesday at 6 pm.

ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bob Muh thanked all Rotarians who helped make the Rotary Spuds and Chili offering on the 26th Jack-O-Lantern festival event a success. \$791.00 was grossed- stay tuned for the net profit amount!
- **Note:** Next week the Topic is open ONLY for our meeting. Ignore the closed sign...food will be waiting for us and Karma will be our wonderful smiling server ☺ .

HAPPY DOLLAR\$\$

- Kim Doolan paid a \$1.00 to thank all those who helped on the Rotary Spuds & Chili fundraiser.

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NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Member /Spouse Birthdays

1st

Doug Menzies

16th

Kathy Jablonski

No Wedding Anniversaries

Rotary Anniversaries

Chrissy Smith
11/8/2000

Schuyler Sweet
11/8/2000

Kathy Jablonski
11/21/2001

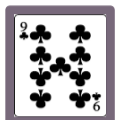
Chris Tyler
11/23/2011

- Pierre Couture's dollar was for his son Bailey, who will be in the United Arab Emirates for 6 months. Pierre's heart did a flip-flop when he had to sign a Power of Attorney for this young man. Bailey reports all the equipment used in the construction they are working on that needs to be fixed.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

In Chad's absence, SSA duties fell on someone else, as I was absent as well. Amazingly, the sub came up with a question that I was possibly closer to than anyone present or absent! The question: The word "Cohas" is an Abenaki word, what does it mean? No one guessed right, but Becky gave it a good try and was cheered for her courage. All paid \$1, accomplishing the goal of a total take- Yay! My notetaker did not reveal the answer given, thus I feel obligated to provide what I know, with apologies to any readers who know. However, there is accuracy, and there is lore. I feel obligated to share the real historical facts as recorded on a great website on NH Deeds- Coös County, among other searches. This information is at the end of the regular news, so you can ignore by choice.

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The drama and efforts of all has come and gone and Ruth closed it out in style! She held the lucky ticket, and promptly found the 10 of spades! "Close, but no cigar" but does change the dynamics enough to up the ante maybe with extra tickets? Here's to the holiday season, and extra shopping money for just one of us.

Members attending our last October Meeting ~

Dick Bielefield | Becky Colpitts | Pierre Couture | Kim Doolan | Andrew Dorsett | Greg Eastman
Ruth Hamilton | Kathy Jablonski | Allison Jackson | Nathan Karol | Shannon McKee | Doug Menzies
Bob Muh | Schuyler Sweet | Brenda Corliss, awaiting official induction as our newest member

COMING PROGRAMS

November 13th

John Hennessy, Chair of the River District Commission, returns to Rotary to speak on Phase 3 of the project to completion. John introduced this enormous project at a Rotary meeting when it began. This is a report he is looking forward to and most pleased to present. Q & A promises to be robust and congratulatory...

November 20th

Kim will introduce Jay Ennis from the Board of Commissioners of Mt. Washington Regional Airport to present a talk on the history, service and future of the airport.

November 27th No Meeting- **Happy Thanksgiving !**

Coming in December ~

Great year-end programs potentially scheduled for the 4th and 11th. Our special Christmas Party will be held on the 18th. For those who checked and those who haven't, Christmas falls on the last Wednesday of 2019! Therefore, New Year's Day will follow on Wednesday, January 1, 2020, also no meeting, but certainly a hallmark date anticipated as a most important election year! ***Aren't they all?***



**Monday
November
11th**



The heart of Rotary is our members, dedicated people who share a passion for community service and friendship. Rotary members share ideas, make plans, hear from the community and catch up with friends during club programs that fuel the impact we make.

Meet with us every Wednesday - Topic of the Town Restaurant - Main Street - Littleton, NH 03561

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The rest of the story ~ **Coös** (as in Coös County) is pronounced with two syllables: ("KOH-oss"). Due to the two-syllable pronunciation, the name of the county is often written with a dieresis: Coö's. According to one source, it is named after an Algonquian* word meaning "small pines". Another source states the name is from an Abenaki* word **cohos**, alternatively spelled *cowass*, *cohoss*, *coo-ash*, and that in all cases, was originally in reference to the inhabitants of the region, with the traditional inhabitants referred to as the "Coo-ashe-aukes", or "dwellers in the pine tree place". The confusion between the two Indian names, is due to the family of tribes that inhabited our Northeast. Prior to white men habitation. The many tribes were representative of a larger group (think like states making up a country) There was a melding of different languages, and common words became a mixture of different spellings, but the same meaning. Abenaki was a smaller tribe derived from the Algonquian Nation for instance. These dynamics were acerbated by the arrival of the white men and wars, when many tribes went to Canada to avoid conflict. An interesting website is www.nhdeeds.com/coos/CoHistory.html. Coos County records go back to 1704 records of New Hampshire, which names the area "Cohoss – a large and valuable tract of land along the Connecticut River."

My authority is family history. Genetically, there is a very small degree of Abenaki DNA in my generation from my mother's side going back to Haverhill/Woodsville Bigelow and Fullerton families. The Haverhill area and its precincts were a fine area of rich farming land along the Connecticut River valleys inhabited by peaceful Indian tribes especially Abenaki, many who moved into Vermont and Canada as the white population and industry increased along the Connecticut River.

But that's another story...