



Apr. 17, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15
President Kathy welcomed all to Dover Rotary.

Thank you to Jay S. for providing lunch.

Program: Jennifer Krans, Co-Director of Curriculum at Dover School District

Three K-4 Elementary Schoos
One 5-8 Middle
One High School – many students from Nottingham and Barrington
3,700 students, 600 employes

Portrait of a Graduate started about 5 years earlier.
What are the portable/durable skills that graduates need to move out into the world?

Portrait of a Learner evolved from earlier project.
Inclusive process to develop – lots of interesting sessions with a wide variety of stakeholders (including presentation here at Rotary) – two years in development

Feedback results on what skills a learner needs to develop:

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Character

Life Skills help us to safely navigate everyday situations and become more independent. They include things like managing time, staying organized, and being responsible, which empower us to accomplish tasks, set goals, and adapt to different environments with confidence.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

- Apr. 24:** Megan Keil, Peace Corps
- May 01:** Jay Stephens classification
- May 08:** Open
- May 15:** Open
- May 22:** Assembly
- May 29:** TBA

Events:

- Apr. 20:** District Assembly – Westbrook
- Apr. 27:** Don't Trash Dover event at Dover Skatepark, 9:30 a.m. followed by ribbon cutting of Dover Rotary Pavilion
- May 2:** Senior Visit, Maple Suites, 3-4 pm (rescheduled)
- May 4:** Meal Packaging
- May 24:** Centennial, CCC, 6 pm "Party like it's 1924"
- June 29:** District Conference – Star Island, ferry leaves Portsmouth at 8:50

- Pledge:** Marion C.
- 4-Way Test:** Jerry D.
- Guests:** Bill Harbron and Sara (guest of Brendan)

Today's newsletter authored by Jim V.

Next Steps:

- Develop Communications plan.
- Share with community.
- Determine how to collect evidence.

Info graphic – developed by Corey Kennedy, along with posters providing more detail.

Potential Partnership with Rotary – Visibility and Recognition Ceremonies

- Project will begin at Dover High: Rotary fund the printing of the posters,
- Rotary “Student of the Month” focused on Portrait of a Learner – students who are exemplifying these qualities with a gift such as a key chain: Rotary fund the gifts. Currently recognition ceremonies are quarterly – idea is to add more ceremonies. Students who have been recognized would become the panel to select next students to be recognized.
- Total Request of Rotary: \$2,000

Questions:

- How is effectiveness measured? Measuring right now with students who are doing portfolios. For the community at large, this will come when the strategic plan has been adopted – shortly.
- There will be an oversight committee coming out of the strategic plan; *Portrait of a Learner* is the bedrock focus of the entire strategic plan.
- How does this improve basic skills? Right now academic skills are only measured by standardized tests. But those don’t cover all that a learner needs.
- How will the club be involved in developing the recognition program? E.g. current student of the month program – how does the student demonstrate “service above self.” We hope Rotarians will come to the ceremony, help in selecting students. We could be involved in which skill to focus and what the criteria might be.

Dr. Harbron: Lots of positive development coming as a result of SAU reorganization about two years ago; shuffling of staff for better outcomes.

Announcements:

- **Woodman Museum**
 - This Saturday, April 20: Museum Open House & Community Fair on the Grounds
 - May 27 Memorial Day
 - October 12 – 13 Voices from the Graveyard – Saturday/Sunday
- 8 going to **District Assembly** this Saturday – Westbrook, ME
- A week from Saturday, 9:30-10:30 – **Don’t Trash Dover**, at new Skate Park, followed by dedication of Skate Park pavilion and special recognition of an individual – see attached flyer [Rotary skate park flyer \(1\).pdf](#)

- **May 4th meal packing day at St. Thomas Church** – more volunteers needed.
- **Scholarship** applications are due by May 6th. Anyone who knows seniors at DHS, STA and PCA who qualify to fill out an application. Any Rotarian who wants to help pick the winners - the scholarship committee meeting will be at the end of the week of May 6th via zoom. Time: TBD
- Kevin - **Rotary Garden** – suggesting using a Rotary theme for the flowers in the garden to honor
- Wednesday, May 29 – possibility of having a hands-on project in the garden for our meeting, then a social after. Likely 4:30 to start.
- Thank you note from St. Mary’s for dictionaries.

BINGO & Poker Room

- Poker Room deposit today - \$21,550 for our second 5 days, rental was \$3,500 for a net of about 18K. First time was gross about \$13K
- BINGO: hosted 106 last week, 30 boxes of tickets. On BINGO hall we pay a per person fee.
- Question about how new law about charities not having to pay rent will play out.

Foundation – right now in a matching campaign for Rotary International endowment fund

District Conference: June 29

We are the host club. Cost/ticket is \$45/person, includes transportation to island, lunch, and all the program. Boat to Star Island leaves at 8:15; return by 5pm.

Hosting inspirational speaker Drew Kessler and his family. Maybe a Friday night event dinner event before. This is Marion’s last official event as head of the District.

District Assembly: Currently 8 members will be traveling to Westbrook for this year’s District Assembly on April 20th. Carpooling is available.

Happy Bucks:

- **Harry C.** – delighted with the folks here; thanks to speakers as we want to be involved.
- **Nancy B.** – for being a Rotarian and for this Rotary Club
- **Gregg D.** – one for Dover School District that is leading the way for strong education; Rotary Club in substance use recovery efforts. May 15 is Strafford County Substance Abuse Conference. Gregg & Susan Weete will be keynote speakers and offer a workshop.

50/50 Raffle: \$353 Jerry drew the 9 of diamonds, sorry, pot grows!

April Birthdays:

Harry C. Apr. 3
 Rod B. Apr. 3
 Jay S. Apr. 4
 Kim F. Apr. 15

April Anniversaries:

Ken P. 16 years