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Newsletter

Rotary
Dover, NH



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

April 20, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

Welcome one and all to the greatest Rotary in the world. We are all here to Serve to Change the World.

Thank you to: Community Action Partnership for the use of their bus to transport Rotarians to the Dist. Conference last Saturday and to **Gregg D.** for skillfully driving the bus.

Presentation: Past DG and current District Foundation Chair, Dave Underhill presented a Paul Harris Fellow to Harry C.

Program - Follow-up Discussion on Engagement & /Changes with Cate R. & Noreen B.

“So, what has changed since our planning session on Dec. 8, 2021?”

In response to suggestions and an effort to try something different, meetings changed. Meetings frequency changed from 4 to 3 per month, times changed with the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 12:15 pm and the 2nd Wed. became a breakfast meeting. The 4th Wed. meeting was eliminated and replaced with an evening social event.

How did it turn out?

The breakfast meeting attendance was low and did not increase attendance or bring in new members as hoped. It was confusing. A few members showed up at noon or zoomed in only to discover the meeting had been a morning meeting. A majority preferred to have meetings at 12:15. Social events in local restaurants were well attended but not favored by all members.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Apr. 27: Social – Woodman Museum, 5- 7 pm. \$10/pp

Apr. 28: Chamber Awards Gala, 5:30 – 9 pm. Rotarians \$45/pp

Note: Future meetings, beginning in May, will be 12:15 p.m., 4 weeks each month.

May 14: District Conference, Portland, ME, \$100/pp – contact Marion C.

Pledge: Jay S.

4-Way Test: Dave Underhill, visiting Rotarian

Guests: Linda Underhill and visiting Rotarian Harvey Bernier.

*Today's newsletter
authored by Noreen B.*

Hands-on events had not happened as originally conceived. One member suggested we consider Bingo as our hands-on event.

After discussion and a show of hands, the majority agreed to return, beginning in May 2022, to 4 meetings per month at 12:15 with lunch provided and the opportunity to eat together before the business portion of the meeting to allow for fellowship. Social events would be additional, a different day, similar to our recent Together on Tuesdays. Gregg D. and a group of volunteers will develop a plan to contact local vendors for reasonably priced lunches and transport to the meetings, keeping costs close to \$10 pp.

The club will not meet as usual on 5th Wednesdays (4 per year) and may do a special project – TBD.

Regarding Bingo, members raised several concerns about needing more workers especially since the Bingo Hall renovations will increase capacity for players. Jim M. reported the Board approved a suggestion of the Bingo Committee to contact other local Rotary clubs for assistance. AG Gregg D. will speak with the Durham Great Bay Rotary to determine interest. The Bingo Committee will develop a memorandum of understanding regarding compensation and scheduling.

Announcements:

Scholarships: Norm H. will be contacting members of the Scholarship Committee to meet the week of May 9 to review applications. More info to follow – all welcome to join.

Volunteer Request: Heather B. needs volunteers to help with the Triangle Club's Road Race on Sunday, May 15 from 9 -11. Contact Heather.

Painting opportunity: Beth F. reported the Gundalow at the Adventure Playground will need some paint – Expert painters Cate & Noreen will be glad to help. Others welcome. Date and time TBD.

BOD meeting:

- **New member 7-Day Notice:** Julie Hitchcock's application was approved by the BOD and is on 7-Day notice. Julie is a former member of the Concord Rotary Club.
- **Donation & Global Grant Pledge:** The BOD approved a request from the International Committee for a \$3,000 startup donation and \$5,000 pledge (next year's budget) for a project in Mexico to focus on reducing the prevalence of kidney disease (with Harvey Bernier's club).
- **House of Friendship:** The BOD approved a \$1,000 sponsorship at the May 14, 2022 Conference.
- **International Convention:** The BOD approved \$1,000 to support President-elect Megan Keil's attendance at the Houston, TX event.
- **CAP donation:** The BOD approved a donation of \$200 to CAP to cover 100 senior rides (seniors donate \$2 per ride) in appreciation for use of their bus for the District Training Assembly.

Drawing: Doug L. had the winning ticket and he drew the King of Spades – so sorry he didn't win.

Happy Bucks:

Jay S. for visiting 7 grandkids, showing off his ponytail and happily returning to Dover to cut it off.

Nick P. for Jay's new do.

Cindy I. for Noreen's Award, for banana daiquiris in Aruba at 4 p.m. and for being fully retired after 38 years on the job. Congrats, Cindy!

Beth F. for Gregg's driving acumen.

Norm H. for sunny days in St. John and his daughter's return from 2 months volunteering in Kilimanjaro.

Tom D. for being the "mute" *King in Once Upon a Mattress* – opening in May at the Garrison Playhouse

Cate R. for Tom not talking for 2 hours

Harry B. for Dover Rotary's generosity - looking for toothbrushes to bring back to Mexico. (Kathy F. gave him a contact for Delta Dental).

Gregg D. for all the work of the International Committee and Dave U.'s work on the Foundation for the District.

Jim M. for being pretty much done and retiring