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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER,
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April 22, 2020 - Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Gregg D.

Pledge, Rotary Moment, 4-Way Test: President Melissa

Welcome: To Visiting Rotarian and Guest Speaker, District Governor-Elect Peggy Belanger from Kennebunk Portside Rotary

Program: Peggy Belanger, 7780 District Governor Elect

President Melissa introduced Peggy Belanger, our District-Governor- Elect who has had extensive involvement with Rotary and has served in various leadership positions in our district including Group Study Exchanges and Cultural Exchanges. Peggy has also been active in community and civic organizations including The American Cancer Society and Harbor Singers. She is a semi-retired oncology nurse and resides in Saco, Maine.

Peggy told us that she has had the opportunity to attend Zoom club meetings throughout the district during this crisis and is excited that she has been able to meet so many Rotarians and hear of their wonderful work for our communities.

Peggy spoke of Rotary's response to the Covid-19 crisis and how closely it connects to Rotary's Vision Statement: *Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.* She also related the response to Rotary's new strategic plan's four priorities:

- Increase our Impact - especially important during this pandemic.
- Expand our Reach – we are an important part of the community response.
- Enhance Participant Engagement – we are working together and reaching out to other clubs.
- Increase our Ability to Adapt – Most clubs continue to meet through technology during this crisis.

Peggy noted that we are pertinent and relevant as we respond to this crisis in a similar manner to which we responded to the fight against Polio.

In response to an inquiry regarding her thoughts on the use of virtual meetings and their usefulness for the future, Peggy has found that we are adapting and thinking about things differently. She believes clubs are considering continuing with some virtual meetings in the future and that this has been a positive response to the crisis. She feels that technology is going to be a part of our Rotary lives moving forward and that we are developing more trust in virtual systems. Peggy noted the Opening Doors Theme for the new year is consistent with what is happening right now.

She also noted the **District Conference on May 21-22, 2021**, will be chaired by Marion C. at the Colony in Kennebunkport. The conference will feature community service projects and a social event at the Trolley Museum on Friday and a one-day conference on Saturday. More information will be forthcoming and it promises to be a fun time.

Announcements:

Board of Directors Zoom meeting held Tuesday, April 21. The board received a financial report from a subcommittee consisting of Lori H., Kevin R., Malcolm M., and Phil R. The group had met with Edward Jones representative Andrew Trowbridge regarding the **club's portfolio and investment strategy**. We received a summary report from Edward Jones outlining several options. The committee members felt a more information was necessary regarding the options and, following extensive discussion, the board voted to have Lori and Kevin contact Edward Jones for additional information regarding fees, options and analysis. They will report back to the board at our May meeting.

Noreen B. has been asked to lead a task force to review and revise as appropriate our current **policy on donations and grant awards**. The board recognized the need to revisit the 15-year old policy due to the requests being submitted to the club, the recent Covid-19 crisis, and the temporary closure of Bingo, our major fundraiser. Noreen will reach out to board members for input and feedback.

President Melissa, Gregg D. and Phil R. will meet with Betsey A.P. and Stacey K. regarding the **Back to School Program** the club has supported for many years. Given the closure of schools, the program takes on new significance as many children will need to summer program to prepare for the next school year.

Committee Updates:

Foundation Report: Jim M. reported that word had been received from District 7780 that \$25,000 was going to be released to district clubs choosing to participate in support of food distributions during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Jim has responded that we are interested in participating and we can expect approximately \$600 toward

that effort. This is another example of how our contributions to the Rotary Foundation come back to serve our community.

Bingo: Jerry D. reported that the Governor will be determining when businesses like Dover Bowl may re-open and there is no indication of when that may happen. In the meantime, Sheila T. is working with Sue at the Dover Bowl to run Virtual Bingo on Sunday and Thursday evenings to maintain interest in the game.

Strafford County Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) Food Pick-up and Distribution: The club has responded to a request for volunteers to transport meals prepared by Liberty Mutual staff to SCCAP on Wednesday mornings. For the past two weeks with the coordination of Jim V. and Ron R. Rotarians are driving personal vehicles to deliver the meals so those in need are supplied with food. Further, Ron R. has borrowed a company vehicle to pick up food bins at the First Parish Church and delivers them to CAP for distribution on a weekly basis.

Rotary Story Time: Club members have participated in a story time over Zoom for the past three weeks and read stories to children twice per week. Unfortunately, only a few children, mostly grandchildren of Rotarians, have taken advantage of the activity. Melissa will read a Dr. Seuss story over Dover Rotary's Facebook page which can be available to anyone at their convenience.

Milk and Egg Program: Cate R. reports she is awaiting an invoice from Janetto's to determine usage and remaining funds, She also reported that the Congregational Church is again distributing vouchers through their food pantry.

Scholarship: Norm H. reported that he has received five applications for scholarships and extended the deadline to May 8th. He is working with guidance counselors at the high schools and will meet with the committee through a Zoom call early in May.

Thirsty Tuesday: There will be a Zoom wine tasting next **Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 PM** for this monthly social gathering. Gregg D. will talk about various varieties and a few tips on enjoying your favorite adult fruit drink. So prepare to open a bottle and enjoy the company of your fellow Rotarians and raise a glass in fellowship. Be on the lookout for Melissa's Zoom invitation.

Next week's virtual meeting speaker will be Bill Harbron, Superintendent of Dover Schools.

Birthdays: April

Tom D.

Michael F.

Rod B.

Perter W.

Anniversaries: April

Ken P. - 12 years

Ted M. - 1 year

ROTARY'S 4-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.