



Apr. 24, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15
Past-president Megan K. welcomed all to Dover Rotary.

Thank you to Cate R. for lunch. Anyone interested in providing lunch or joining another member to supply lunch for a Wed. meeting, please contact Cate.

Megan noted April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), an annual observance dedicated to sexual assault awareness, prevention, and outreach efforts. One of the highlights of SAAPM is Denim Day, which serves as a visual reminder for us to always believe and support survivors of sexual assault. Denim Day began after a 1998 Italian Supreme Court overturned a rape conviction stating because the victim was wearing tight jeans, she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, and thereby implied consent. The day after the ruling, the women of the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in protest of the ruling and in solidarity with the survivor.

Program – Megan Keil: The Peace Corps and Rotary International Partnership

Megan spoke about her dual roles of serving as a member and past president of the Dover Rotary Club and recruiting for the Peace Corps in ME, NH and MA, highlighting similarities in mission and focus. Founded in 1961 during JFK’s presidency, the Peace Corps (PC) works to foster world peace and friendship.

Megan’s Peace Corps journey began when she was working as a zookeeper after receiving a degree in biology. A friend asked her to help with a PC application and she decided one day – “why don’t I do this?” She volunteered in Tanzania, taught biology, in English, to students who grew up with hundreds of tribal languages. She added an extra year training volunteers on gender empowerment and developed a

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

- May 01:** Jay Stephens classification
- May 08:** Open
- May 15:** Open
- May 22:** Assembly
- May 29:** TBA

Events:

- Apr. 27:** Don’t’ Trash Dover event at Dover Skatepark, 9:30 a.m. followed by ribbon cutting of Dover Rotary Pavilion
- May 4:** Meal Packaging
- May 24:** Centennial, CCC, 6 pm
“Party like it’s 1924”
- May 30:** Senior Visit, Maple Suites, 3-4 pm
(rescheduled from May 2)

June 29: District Conference – Star Island, ferry leaves Portsmouth at 8:50

- Pledge:** Jay S.
- 4-Way Test:** Jim V.
- Guests:** Interact’s President Angelina

Today’s newsletter authored by Noreen B.

partnership with local volunteers to supply feminine products to students so they could attend classes and taught them to say “no” when appropriate.

While not officially recruiting, Megan gave Rotarians glimpses of ways they could become PC volunteers. Regular volunteers serve 2 years in 59 locations around the world. The only age limit is 18 to begin and any age can join thereafter. Their oldest volunteer currently is 86. The PC also has a shorter 3 mo. program for a specific response/skill and a virtual volunteer program with a 3-6 mo. commitment.

Did she feel safe? Yes. PC does not work in communities if they are not wanted and she always felt safe. What can Rotary do for the Peace Corps? Encourage small partnerships, connect with Partnering for Peace, invite PC volunteers to speak, and, of course, volunteer.

Announcements:

- **Rotary Earth Day- “Don’t Trash Dover” community service project – Apr. 27.** Meet at the Dover Ice Arena rain or shine at 9:15am. Bring gloves and a trash picker if you have one and wear Rotary apparel. At 11am there will be the ribbon cutting, dedication of the new pavilion at the skate park and cake.
- **Meal packing event at St. Thomas on Saturday, May 4** has changed to noon until 5pm. Let Kathy F. know if you signed up and can no longer make it.
- **Senior visits: Maple Suites was rescheduled from May 2 to May 30**, from 3 to 4pm. Let Melissa know if you’ll be joining. **Wentworth Home on Monday, May 13**, from 1pm to 3pm to visit the residents. The theme is Mexican. Let Melissa know if you can make it.
- **District Conference and changeover is Sat., June 29 from 9am until 5pm.**
- **Centennial Celebration – May 24 – Sign up Now!!!**
- Don’t forget to RSVP for the 100 year celebration on May 24 at 6pm to Noreen. You can pay Phil for the ticket. See you at Cochecho Country Club!
- **Bingo report:** Last week we had 110 players and sold 30 boxes!
- **Dover Cleanup Day – May 4** – help needed at the Joe Parks Garden, contact Beth F.

Happy Bucks:

- **Cindi I.** \$5 for Dover Interact Club and Angelina and “so proud of them”
- **Jim V.** \$10 for Rotary remembrance
- **Cathy B.** for quiz
- **Cate R.** for District Conference – will be fun! And Centennial Gala – everybody come!!!
- **Angelina** for our club being such a great club and hoping to join after college
- **Jay S.** for Angelina – a great name and the name of his first granddaughter.

50/50 Raffle: \$370 - Megan drew the wrong card, 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