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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER,
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.MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15 PM
GOSS BUILDING 121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH

April 29, 2020 - Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Jim V.

Pledge: Steve Papajohn

Rotary Moment: Remembering/Appreciating All on Front Lines in this Pandemic

4-Way Test: President Melissa

Guest: Steve Papajohn

Announcements:

In Memoriam: Dover Rotary Past President Paul McQuade (1963-64) recently passed away - obit in *Foster's* on April 29, 2020

- Thank you to our BING writer Jim V.
- Thank you to the 25 Rotarians and guests that were able to join us for Thirsty Tuesday Wine (and Scotch!!!) Tasting 🍷
- Thank you to those helping with the CAP – Community Action Partnership, Liberty Mutual & First Parish Church food pick up and drop off. Special thanks to Jim V. for coordinating part of these good deeds. Jim put schedule CHAT for people to sign up for Wednesday mornings through May.
- Opportunity to purchase our group photo from our 95th Club Anniversary Celebration - \$20.00 pickup or \$28.00 delivered
- Miles is on Jim's front door, welcoming guests and enjoying the front yard flower gardens.
- Kathy noted our other Dover Rotary Moose will be participating in musical events.

Committee Updates:

- **Foundation Committee** – In Jim M's absence, Melissa said our Rotary Foundation offered Districts affected by Covid-19 the opportunity to apply for a Covid-19 Disaster Response Grant for up to \$25,000. Our District Foundation committee promptly submitted a grant request for \$25,000 to combat local food insecurity.

Our request has been approved and funds are on the way. Distribution of funds to our Clubs, will be approximately \$600 per Club and will arrive in early May.

- **CAP** – Community Action Partnership Summer Meal Program \$3,600 donation will be presented at next week's Club meeting. NOTE: Food will be a major issue for people for some time. Donations may be made to CAP through their website
- **International** – Tom D., still on hold for well project in Niger because of COVID-19 and rebels are fighting. Niamey Rotary still anxious to be involved in project.

Program: Superintendent of Dover Schools Bill Harbron: Highlights of what is happening in the district, followed by questions.

- District in 2nd year of 5-year strategic plan: four goals and five objectives set forth. This year, School Board adopted literacy goal of competent readers. Investment in grades K-2: Foundation Program. Foundation next year will be expanded to 3rd grade and other programs to next grades as well.
- \$80,000 for consultants to work on idea of racial equity as curriculum is designed and delivered.
- DHS Dream Team: Equity program offered by Office of Civil Rights, 100 students participated.
- Racial Equity Visioning Team has about 20 members now.
- Training for leadership team and teachers
- Instructional Coaches – Highly skilled teachers, currently math and science, including implementation of competency based education.
- Social/Emotional Learning: comprehensive document created to guide work in future and is part of a community health initiative.
- New position at Middle School to relieve DMS counselors.
- FY21 Budget – new business administrator is Michael Limanni; within tax cap by just under \$500. A few new positions were added.
- DHS next year about 1,500 students.
- Ideal Student Portrait – Being developed for all grade levels.
- Move to Emergency Remote Learning: Teachers and administrators have responded exceptionally well. Currently developing a planning document for re-entry in fall: may be remote again or blended. Currently M-Th online classes, Friday is a

planning and catch-up day for teachers, students and families. Families are at very different places in ability to do remote learning.

- Distributing 600-700 meals per day, done MWF, have just added weekend food distribution. Open to all.

Q & A:

Gregg D. – *Sounds as though a lot of local standards have been developed for what Dover wants. Are we moving away from national high-stakes testing to more local?*

During COVID-19 there has been a state waiver of standardized testing. Will return next year we expect. Paula Glenn, Asst. Superintendent of teaching/learning. Assessment still being developed as we use competence based learning.

Betsey AP – *What would we integrate back into learning if we go back to “normal”?*

Some very good things have occurred – given our teachers the opportunity to be creative and risk-takers. This moved that along more quickly. Particularly at DHS, where DHS students are working during the day, schools at night. Why not high school at night who need it? Currently having some success. What lessons have we learned and how can we change to be more flexible to meet student needs? We need not to go back to things exactly as they were – we are learning about different pathways for student learning. Already talking about doing blending instruction at the 4th grade level. At this time, we don’t know what it will look like in the fall? Might we have to be operating in a social distance model?

Kathy F. – *Snow days – will we have virtual learning days instead? How about flexibility for courses from other sources, for example high level math classes?*

Last teacher contract, Bill didn’t support at-home snow days. Now he would because teachers have experience and we know better what we are capable of doing and what would be included as valid learning. Today, technology allows us to be much more fluid, progressive with students, who develop at different rates.

Jim V. – *How did we come under the Tax Cap: Initially was \$1.2 million over?*

\$219,000 more in revenues

Increased transportation & parking fees

Barrington additional students & Nottingham, \$545,000

New business administrator, Michael Limanni looked at every line, reductions found in various expenses, about \$740,000 in reductions.

Helped to have strategic plan in place to define needs.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm

Next week's meeting guest speaker: Joe Berninger, Guatemala Literacy Project

Birthdays: May

Tony D.	May 16
Ute L.	May 22
Kalina L.	May 23
Ron R.	May 29

Anniversaries: May

Ken M.	8 years
Bob R.	31 years
Doug G.	3 years
Marion C.	30 years
Malcolm M.	38 years
Betsey AP	20 years
Terrie H.	5 years

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.