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The newsletter of the Rotary Club  
of Dover, NH



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## April 6, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

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

**Thank you,** Megan K. for technical assistance

### Program: St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. Today – Pres. Dan Sollar and Asst. Dir. Of Advancement, Saraha McCluskey

President Sollar presented slides which showcased St. Thomas Aquinas students. With over 100 graduates per year there are approximately 425 students at STA many of whom come directly from the Dover community representing 55 Dover families. Other students come from as many as 60 different communities and international placements.

St. Thomas Aquinas HS was founded in 1960 and, while closely connected to the Catholic Diocese, it is run independently with a separate governing board. Its mission and curriculum are focused on Faith with Reason and built on values, ethics, and reasoned learning. The entire curriculum is based on critical thinking.

St. Thomas Aquinas is proud of its success for students with 100% of the graduates going onto college or a specialized profession. The school has relationship agreements in place with schools and universities around the country and STA grads are readily accepted into elite schools such as Catholic University of Washington DC, Quinnipiac, and Mt. St Mary’s because of their academic achievements. Its athletic programs are highly regarded with over 80% of the students in 16 different sports.

STA is also wrapping up a \$7 million capital campaign, Legacy of Light Renaissance, which has improved athletic facilities, updated buildings, and will include a new chapel.

Dan answered questions posed by Rotarians regarding the makeup of the student population and how best to access STA enrollment.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Apr. 13: 7:30 AM,** Timothy Massawe, Past Rotary Club President and Asst. Governor for District 9214, will be zooming from hai-Kikimanjaro, Tanzania. Hhybrid meeting.

**Pledge:** Rod B.

**4-Way Test:** Beth F.

**Visting Rotarian/Transfer:**

Julie Hitchcock

**Guest Speakers:** Dan S. Sollar, President, Sarah McCluskey, Thomas Aquinas H.S.

*Today’s newsletter authored by Gregg D.*

*Bios:*

*Dan Sollar was elected St. Thomas Aquinas High School's first President in early 2020. Dan served as Exec. VP of Mount St. Mary's University and Exec. VP & COO of La Roche College, along with tenures at Fairleigh Dickinson University, The Catholic University of America, St. John's Catholic Prep, and the University of St. Francis. He has served as a Director of Athletics on the college and high school level, along with having executive oversight for NCAA I, III, and NAIA programs Soller holds academic degrees from Southern Illinois University, James Madison University, and Richard Bland College of the College of William & Mary.*

*Sarah McCluskey, J.D., Assistant Director of Advancement since November 2021, helps direct the school's fundraising, development, and alumni relations efforts. Prior to joining the team, she spent much of her career with various United Ways across New England, holding positions of increasing responsibility in Development, grant-making, and Marketing. Most recently, she served as Senior Director of Donor Relations at Granite United Way/ Sarah also previously served as a personal injury attorney, advocating for the rights of plaintiffs. Sarah earned a B.A. in Political Science and Spanish from Fairfield University and a J.D. from New England Law Boston. She is licensed to practice law in CT, MA, and NH. While at New England Law Boston, Sarah served as an Editor of the New England Law Review.*

**Announcements:**

**Weekly Humor:** Doug L. took a long time telling a joke and, despite a comment from Malcolm, the joke ended in laughs.

**Next Week's Meeting:** next week's meeting will be the final breakfast meeting at 7:30 AM with our guest speaker joining us from Tanzania.

**Action - Donation to RI Disaster Relief Fund for Ukraine:** Having established a quorum, a motion was made by Beth F. with a second by Rod B. to donate \$5000 to the Rotary International Disaster Fund in support of Ukraine. After the motion was discussed and questions answered regarding the fund, **the motion passed unanimously.**

The club will also match any contributions made by club members up to an additional \$5000. Currently there is another \$1000 in donations. There is no time cap on the donations.

**Board Actions:** The Board of Directors voted to sponsor two tables for the Chamber of Commerce Annual awards Dinner. The club will also serve as Dinner Sponsor for the event.

**BINGO Committee:** Jerry D. reported that the Bingo committee will meet next Wed. Apr. 13, 2:00 PM at Dover Bowl to view the new extension of the hall and to discuss options for volunteers to assist with the games.

**Social Committee:** Melissa L. reported that the social committee is working with The Woodman Institute to host our April 27<sup>th</sup> social meeting. It is hoped that other Rotary Clubs may join us for the social gathering. The cost will be \$10.00 per person.

**Foundation:** Gregg D. reported that our club is eligible to submit a district grant proposal this year. The proposal must be submitted by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Anyone with ideas for a grant proposal should reach out to Gregg or President Jim.

**Golf Committee:** Kathy F. reported that we have secured our first major sponsor, Shaheen and Gordon. She will be in contact with last year's golfers to begin signing up teams. Gregg D. asked that all Rotarians assist in securing sponsors or raffle items for the event.

**Golf Date Correction: The tournament will be held on Monday, June 27, 2022 (not June 6).**

**District Training Assembly:** Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Strafford County Community Action partnership is providing a van for our transportation to the assembly. We will meet in the upper parking lot off Oak St. at 7:00 AM for the ride to Portland.

**Thank You Notes:** The club received thank you notes from Dover Police Charities for our support of Teen Center Summer programming. We also received a note from Victor Steinberger for our scholarship support as he learned new skills allowing him to secure new credentials in his profession.

**Fines/birthdays/Anniversaries:** Sergeant-at-Arms Doug L. levied several fines for reasons known only to him. He also highlighted March and April birthdays and anniversaries.

**Happy Dollars:** Jay S. is happy that his ponytail judging contest for his grandchildren will soon be over and he can get a haircut. Noreen B. is happy and honored to have been named Dover Citizen of the Year. Gregg D. is happy to welcome Julie Hitchcock to the club, congratulate Noreen and celebrate being able to weight bear on both legs and return to driving. Jim M. is happy that Wentworth-Douglass Hospital was able to report no new Covid cases this week.

**Raffle:** The \$563.00 pot remained unclaimed as Noreen B. drew the wrong Ace.