



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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GOSS BUILDING 121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH

Aug. 12, 2020 - Rotary Club Meeting Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Jim V.

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Dover – the greatest Rotary Club in the Universe –
Onward and Upward!

Pledge: All

Invocation: Charge from President Gregg to us all: Reflect on the past four months on all that we have experienced as a country and as a people; then reflect on the next four months as we will have to make some decisions about the future of our country.

Rotary Moment: Gregg D. *Rotary News:*

- New Rotary Avenue of Service (the 7th) - Supporting the Environment;
- First woman nominated to be Rotary International President, 2022-23, Jennifer E. Jones, Windsor, Ontario

4-Way Test +1: All

Visiting Rotarians: Lorraine Faherty, Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary, Grow Rotary Co-chair

Program: Grow Rotary/Update - Lorraine Faherty

This is Rotary Membership Month – Lorraine, originally from the Adirondacks, has traveled all over the world, is a retired attorney specializing in criminal defense. She moved back from California to be near her father in Maine.

Lorraine:

Grow Rotary meetings began in May. The first meetings were an exchange among clubs on how they were managing life in times of COVID. Now their Zoom meetings are considering what each club is doing to encourage participation in Zoom meetings, such as, frequent, repeated invites to club members, to others who are or might be prospective members and to consider former members who have dropped out.

The group is now meeting every two weeks to discuss innovation. This challenging time is an opportunity to be innovative. What we are creating now may be the way we are doing things permanently in the future.

The committee is formulating some new goals. E-satellite start-ups remain as a goal. Another goal was to get a new club or satellite club in the Portland area, perhaps based around an interest or a commonality. The team is working to provide general support and information about growing Rotary with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. They are also looking at early demographic data on Rotary participation as a percent of population.

Clubs probably will not be able to go back to business as usual prior to COVID era. One club is doing a hybrid meeting, with some in-person and some attending by Zoom. There is evidence that churches are being attended virtually by new people

In another year, societal needs are going to be much greater while our ability to raise funds will be hampered. We will have to figure out how to be a social service organization in this new era.

Q&A

- Flexibility and being nimble are ideas we are considering for Dover Rotary.
- Once a month in-person, outside, socially distanced.
- Maintaining Rotary is important, not just growing.
- Appreciation for the flexibility we've shown here – actually can be easier to attend because of virtual format.
- Clubs with their own buildings are finding the shift to be particularly huge.
- Example – Rotary requires two meetings a month; but what a meeting is, is not defined.
- Example – no more restrictions about having an affinity group Rotary club.
- Rotary is a “bottoms—up” organization, we should not feel bound by the past, and there is a “nimble” spirit that welcomes new ideas and new ways of doing things.
- Virtual meetings have been a boon to ability to participate. Perhaps we can alternate between traditional lunch meetings and virtual meetings.
- Make-ups have always been flexible. For example, projects are make-ups.

Final word – we will have to be nimble; remember that we are a world-wide organization and we are facing this world-wide, we are not alone.

Announcements

Thank You from Monarch School, Melissa L.: Showed a lovely video of appreciation to all donors. The video is a good example for Rotary Club of Dover to produce and a project Gregg wants to work on this year.

Thank You to Bing Writer: Jim V.

Foundation Minute: Jim M.:

- Thanks to Frank C. for support of the Foundation as a Paul Harris Fellow.
- Dover City Council recognizes us tonight for bike racks with a proclamation.
- There are now 7 avenues of service

Rotary gardens - Thank You to Noreen B., Melissa L., Cara S. and Gregg D. for Rotary Gardens work last Saturday - they look really good now.

Bingo: Thurs., 2:00-3:00 pm 10 players/10 games/\$10.00: Needed at least 10 players last Thursday. We had 12 players. Quickie BINGO is Thursday at 2pm for one hour only.

Thirsty Tuesday, Aug.18 - 31 Bittersweet Lane South Berwick, ME - "Picnic on the Patio", 5:30-7:30 (or later). We will practice safe distancing and provide everyone with their own individual picnic box. We will have soft drinks, beer and wine available for your enjoyment. Please bring a chair and your mask. District Governor Peggy Belanger will be joining us.

Upcoming Meetings/ Events:

- Aug.19 - District Governor's visit Zoom mtg.
- Aug.16 - Visual Arts Showcase -Rotary Sponsored Cochecho Arts Festival.
- Aug.18 - Board of Director's Zoom Meeting 12:30 -2:00 PM.

Updates:

Back to School: Betsey A.P. / Stacey K.: Decision to reduce total funds, focus on supplies that are needed for at-home learning. Headphones a major need. \$29.99 for a headphone and Rotary labels will be attached. A quick request from Betsey for members to fund headphones resulted in a great response - send checks to Dover Rotary Club, PO Box 1801 or bring to Thirsty Tuesday or pay through Venmo.\$10,600 is the budget, some of which might be by special fundraising.

Reserve Fund Policy Committee: Working on policy. What is the reserve fund for? How do we access it?

2020-21 Club Goals: Every Member Every Year Foundation Goal. Every member giving at least \$25 (50 cent/week)



Fines: Sergeant at Arms Kathy L.

- Missing person at fining time – TD are his initials.
- If you did not do something kind last week, pay a dollar

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Appreciation to Lorraine Faherty and to all for a great meeting.

Dover Rotary Spotlight: Jim Munro

1. How long have you been in Rotary?

I was originally a member of the Rotary Club of Salem NH/ Methuen MA and was a member for about 10 years. I have been a member of the Dover Club since 2014.

2. My favorite Rotary moments:

Everything about Rotary is important to me. I love how we can pull a project together quickly to address a pressing need in the community like the Homeless outreach project we did last winter or the Read Aloud project we tried to do in response to the Covid Crisis. I also really enjoyed the time us senior Rotarians spent digging holes and building the CAP playground while freezing on a wet November day. I also get great enjoyment from our fellowship events like Thirsty Tuesday and most recently our sports car ride to see the Lupins in bloom. When I was in my former club we provided and cooked meals for the annual Special Olympics basketball tournament. That



was a 3-day event and we had a ball. Basically, I like to do any event that allows and encourages fellowship with our Rotary family.

3. Where I currently live and where I grew up:

I lived in Massachusetts, where I learned to drive, for almost 60 years. I've lived in Dover since 2013.

4. My Hobbies:

I enjoy film photography using my collection of plastic and antique cameras. I'm a life long learner and love to learn new things. I play the Penny Whistle well and have been learning with very limited success to play the fiddle. Since Covid I've done a lot of gardening and landscaping along with some DIY projects and I have even started baking bread!



5. My Business Profession or Current Working or Non-Working Environment

My business is MG Print and Promotions which I started in 1986. I sell promotional products, apparel and printed materials of all kinds. I'm semi retired which gives me the luxury of servicing my long time clients and has freed me from the chore of chasing down new clients.

6. Something my fellow Rotarians don't know about me:

I can't imagine. I'm pretty much an open book. I'm a child of the '70s and still hold the values that I developed then close to my heart. I'm an avid Beatles fan though I've never had a chance to see any of them live. I'm married to Pam my high school sweetheart. We have two adult children, Alison who lives in Dover and Andrew who lives in Epping. Lily, our granddaughter drives me crazy and brightens my day at the same time.

7. Final words:

When I first joined Rotary a mentor told me that "Rotary will change you if you let it" He was right. It makes us better people and better citizens.

Next week's spotlight: Noreen & Frank Biehl

Birthdays: August

Marion C. Aug. 2
Tracey D. Aug. 2
Michael C. Aug. 5
Sheila T. Aug. 8
Frank C. Aug. 17
Ken McC. Aug. 26

Anniversaries: August

Nancy B. 27 years
Melissa L. 12 years
Stacey K. 4 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.