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## Aug. 19, 2020 - Rotary Club Meeting Zoom Meeting

**Submitted by** Noreen B.

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

**Pledge:** All

**Invocation:** Gregg asked Rotarians to think about how they can assist new District Governor Peggy Belanger make her year a terrific year.

**Rotary Moment:** On Aug. 18, 1920, Tennessee became the last state necessary to ratify the 19th Amendment guaranteeing woman’s suffrage. Gregg noted 1989 was the first year RI allowed women to become Rotarians. He also displayed a newspaper featuring Dover Rotary’s 75th year in an article written by Noreen Biehl.

**4-Way Test +1:** All

**Visiting Rotarians:** District Governor Peggy Belanger

## Program: Peggy Belanger’s first official visit to Dover Rotary Club as District 7780’s District Governor for 2020-21

### *Background*

*Peggy Belanger has been a member of the Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club for 19 years. She served as President of the Club twice, served as Asst. District Governor and has also served in several district roles with Cultural Exchange. A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Peggy is a zealous advocate for Rotary and its work at home and around the globe. A nurse by occupation, she has spent the last 20 years as an oncology nurse. Her proximity to patients and families facing end of life challenges caused her to form a signing group that provides music to those near end of life. She comes to her role as DG at a time when we need perseverance and innovative thinking.*

In her opening remarks, Peggy thanked President Gregg for inviting her to Thirsty Tuesday at his home in South Berwick and the Rotary Club of Dover for its role in

District leadership with two Assistant Governors, Malcolm M. and Melissa L, and the District Conference Chair, Marion Cheney.

Despite all her preparation and training to be DG, nothing prepared Peggy for her new, virtual role. She admitted to a “big learning curve” as Rotarians endeavor to stay connected in new, challenging ways. Referencing remarks from new RI President Holger Knaack, Peggy said he wants to emphasize Opening Doors to New Opportunities (this year’s theme) through finding new audiences, pushing boundaries and not letting this current world crisis go to waste. He believes People of Action sets Rotary apart from other world organizations.

Peggy asked Dover Rotarians what comes to mind when they think about the theme of Rotary this year. Kathy F. said she doesn’t need to go anywhere else to make a difference. “Rotary is powerful, clear and I trust Rotary.” Gregg said Rotary is not afraid to walk through doors and Marion C. she has been repeatedly impressed by watching new Rotary presidents grow personally and professionally during their year of service. Malcolm M. mentioned how the 4-way Test is the bedrock of Rotary as he visits clubs in the District. Gov. Peggy added she was a bit insecure entering her first year as president but discovered it was the “best job in Rotary.”

Peggy reviewed RI President’s six calls to action:

- (1) Develop acquaintances and relationships that are impactful and relevant - she used the example of our Rotary Garden and Facebook posts.
- (2) Look at relationships with each other - check-in with each other.
- (3) Work at retaining current membership. Ask new members what they are passionate about and the M & Ms - making membership memorable
- (4) Use creative thinking around service projects and look to other successful club projects during this pandemic - such as a curbside Chicken BBQ event in Kennebunk and a Lobster Fest in Oxford Hills.
- (5) Rebuild our youth capacity - get Rotaract more involved in club activities
- (6) Explore avenues to include more diversity, equity and inclusivity. What individuals are we missing?

Peggy suggested anyone interested in getting more involved in the District to contact her, Malcolm or Melissa.

## **Announcements**

**Thank You** notes from the Monarch School and Friends Forever for Rotary donations

**Foundation Minute:** Jim M.:

Last year 1,400 global grants were awarded for a total of \$97 million. The Rotary Foundation is one of the best and most reliable foundations.

**Bingo:** The BOD voted to reopen Rotary Club of Dover Bingo after Labor Day beginning Sept. 10. Volunteers will be needed to assist. In light of Covid-19 and ongoing concerns with the potential spread, Dover Rotarians must make personal decisions regarding voluntary participation. Your personal choices will be respected and appreciated. The board has reserved the right to suspend the games in the event that there is an uptick in the spread of Covid-19 in our region.

**Bicycle Racks** - the City Council thanked and recognized the Dover Rotary club last week for our many contributions to the city. We will be working with the Community Services department to install the racks and will let Rotarians know when and how they can participate.

**Upcoming Meetings/ Events:**

Gregg noted he is working on a plan to hold an evening Zoom meeting and another face-to-face, socially distanced meeting at an outside venue while the weather is still warm. More to come.

**Updates:**

**Back to School:** More headphones are needed, \$30 each, please contact Phil to donate.

**Reserve Fund Policy Committee:** Committee met and developed talking points, the next step is to form a policy.

**2020-21 Club Goals:** District Conference, May 2021 - the BOD directors voted to sponsor the House of Friendship at next year's conference for \$1,500 where our club's banner will be prominently displayed.

**Fines:** Sergeant at Arms Kathy L.

Kathy fined Gregg, took the fine away then refined him because he picked on Malcolm too often. She also fined Tom D. for coming to the meeting as Barbara D. and for anyone who did not read the spotlight on our FB page featuring Frank and Noreen Biehl.



## Dover Rotary Spotlight: Noreen & Frank Biehl

1. *How long have you been in Rotary?*

**Noreen:** joined September 1988

**Frank:** joined November 1982

2. *Our favorite Rotary moments:*

**Noreen** - digging in the Rotary garden and watching it grow, installing the Rotary Pavilion sign at the top of the building where it can be seen far and wide, painting the gundalow with Cate and other Ro-

tarians, listening to Rotary stories around a burning barrel selling Christmas trees, ringing the bell at the first and last meetings of an amazing year as president, the Children's Library project, reading to kids, shoveling mulch in the rain, stuffing backpacks, our 95th Anniversary event, giving Phil the mirrorball, receiving my Paul Harris Fellow, reading the scholarship applications and being convinced the future is in good hands with the next generation.

**Frank** - freezing on the tarmac of parking lots loaded with trees for sale and stoking the burning barrel to keep Rotarians warm, being president of two clubs, inviting Durham Rotarians to assist with bingo, returning to the Dover Club and Thirsty Tuesdays.

3. *Where we currently live and where we grew up:*

We grew up in Niagara Falls, NY and met in a bar called the Club; it was a dark and hazy place with sticky floors and a no-name, loud band where college kids gathered on Friday nights - some had sideburns and an Elvis swoop, others wore pleated mini skirts and seriously teased hair - some smoked, some drank - perhaps too much - drove home without seat belts to an oddly familiar house (another story for another time) and amazingly turned out to be respectable adults.

One year after we married, we left Niagara Falls to follow job offers and seek new adventures. It was 1968! We drove to Akron, Ohio in an almost new car, stayed a year or so, adopted a dog named Charlie, had a baby boy named Kevin and headed off to , to Des Moines, Iowa. After a year or so, we journeyed back to Niagara Falls, gave Charlie away due to an incident with the mailman and had a baby girl named Shannon. We moved to the Ramada Inn in Dover, NH, with two kids and 22 house plants for three months in the summer of '76 before crossing state lines to a new home in South Berwick, Maine.

By happenstance, several years later, we drove by a "For Rent" sign at the end of a long driveway to a house on the Bellamy River - it needed a lot of work, the driveway was dirt, gravel and mush but the view was priceless, so we moved back across

state lines to NH. In 1999, the owners decided to build condos on the land and tear the house down. One day we said, "They move houses don't they?" and we did. We cut it up into three sections, hired a house mover and hauled it, one section at a time, a half mile north onto a lot covered in Queen Anne's Lace, scrappy trees and broken bricks from an old Dover brickyard. After 20 years of renovation it is still a work in progress but one we are blessed to enjoy.

#### 4. *Our Hobbies:*

**Noreen:** I create things ... sourdough bread before it was a 2020 pastime, gingerbread houses gardens, pencil sketches, painting (walls), dresses, drapes, boat cushions, slipcovers, face masks with matching scrunches for nine year girls, and writing a novel that may never get published unless I stop revising it...someday soon.

**Frank:** I build things ... re-assembled pieces of a house into a home with new plumbing, electric, bathrooms, kitchens, stairs, decks, docks and floats, an up and down closet in a stairwell and an elaborate and not always functional television antenna system that Noreen doesn't fully appreciate. I also golf occasionally, have received enough Prime-swished packages to secure the viability of Amazon delivery systems well into the future and watch Fox News frequently which Noreen doesn't fully appreciate either.

#### 5. *Our Business Professions or Current Working or Non-Working Environments*

**Noreen:** I'm a graduate of UNH and Simmons College with degrees in non-fiction writing and communication management, worked as a reporter for *Foster's Daily Democrat* followed by a 30-year career at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital retiring in 2016 as VP of Community Relations. I've also authored a history of WDH in addition to my unpublished novel, *The Spokesperson*, and occasionally free lance as a writer for a variety of projects.

**Frank:** I'm a graduate of the University of Buffalo and Golden Gate University with business degrees, managed Human Resources for Firestone Tire & Rubber, Dunlop Tire & Rubber and Davidson Rubber/Textron. Now retired, I plow snow in the winter and water grass that refuses to grow in the summer.

6. *Something our fellow Rotarians don't know about us:*



We have an amazing family, a son Kevin and his children 24-year old Derek, and 28-year old Alisha, and a daughter Shannon and her daughter, 9-year old Samantha.

We love to travel and every five years on our wedding anniversary in August we travel someplace special. We've climbed the Grand Canyon, traveled via train from Toronto to Vancouver, motored around Alaska, toured Southern France, Italy's Amalfi coast and Portugal's Algarve. On our 50th we visited

the Southwest, looked for aliens at Roswell, watched bats fly out of the Carlsbad Canyon and marveled at the beauty of the White Sands, the Painted Desert and Arches National Parks. Will we ever travel again?

7. *Final words:*

Eleanore Roosevelt once said, "Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart." Our Rotarian friends, past and present, have left so many footprints in our hearts - we are truly grateful.

**Next week's spotlight: Nick Pellman**

**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.