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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER,
NH SINCE 1924

.MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15 PM
GOSS BUILDING 121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH

Dec. 4, 2019

Submitted by Noreen B.

Pledge: Marion C.

Invocation: Message from DG Andy G.

4 Way Test + 1: Nick P.

No guests or visiting Rotarians

Greeter: Melissa L.

50/50: Doug L. picked the ticket (unbelievable) but not the Ace of Spades - pot keeps growing!

Announcements:

Thank you to Rotarians who participated in:

The Dictionary Distribution at Horne St., Woodman and Garrison 3rd grades, garden cleanup and crafting for the Festival of Trees

Events:

- **Festival of Trees**, Dec. 6 at Rivermill, 4:00 – 8:00 pm.
- **Fellowship:** Cate R. invited Rotarians to a supper event at her home at 5:30 p.m., prior to attending the Garrison Players' **A Christmas Carol** production on Dec. 14. If interested, contact Cate.
- **Holiday Thirsty Tuesday** - Tues., Dec. 17, 5 - 7, at Biehls - bring a dish to share
- **MILES** spent last week with Melissa attending closings, buying a new computer and getting photographed. Dave D. will take Miles to some holiday concerts this week.
- Northeastern Ballet Theatre invited Rotarians to a post-Nutcracker reception after their performance at Dover H.S. on Dec. 7. at 7 p.m.

Bingo: No Bingo last week on Thanksgiving. Team 3 up this week. Help is needed for a special Bingo on Wed., Jan 1. (replaces Thursday night - team 3 was scheduled). Sheila will be sending an email with time slots and openings.

Votes:

By-laws: Motion to accept made by Kev. R., seconded by Jim V., unanimous vote to approve the amended By-laws.

Election of Board – Members voted by paper ballot to unanimously approve the Board of Directors for 2020-21:

President: Gregg D.

President-elect: Jim M.

Secretary: Marion C.

Treasurer: Phil R.

Past President: Melissa L.

Directors: Noreen B., Tracey D., Lori H., Malcolm M., Kevin R., Ron R.

Fines

- Sergeant at Arms Tom D., in fine mettle, fined everyone not wearing a Rotary pin, Rotary badge and sporting Rotary decal in their autos. All paid. He also noted Cate owes the fine even if she did not show up to the meeting.

PROGRAM - Club Assembly

Finance Report: Treasurer Phil R. reviewed the distributed P & L and balance sheet summary noting. "The club has money," he said, and is in fine financial shape.

Membership: Marion C. reported the club currently has 62 members. Her committee is focused on growth and retention, getting more people involved and attending meetings. They are also developing a visioning and strategic planning effort and may consider adding morning or evening meetings as a way to attract members unable to attend the lunch meeting. She also suggested current members reach out to potential members with face to face invitations. Marion also has member application forms.

Foundation: Jim M. noted our club's Foundation donation was \$173 per capita in 2018 and increased to \$213 per capita this year. "We're doing great and shine compared to other clubs but could always do better."

Literacy: Marion C. reported 400 dictionaries were distributed so far and more will be given out to PCA and St. Mary Academy in the near future. Her team, Ron R. and Dave D., will be meeting with her and the Traveling Tales Title One group to review needs. The Read Across America (Dr. Seuss week) has expanded its role and will be focusing on diversity and inclusion throughout the year.

Help needed: Marion is also looking for a few volunteers to work the door at meetings - all you need to know is how to tell a \$10 bill from a \$20 bill and how to count. Let Marion know if interested.

Bingo Committee: Jerry D. emphasized the value our work at bingo brings to the club making possible scholarships, dictionaries and all the donations we give each year. His committee is focused on ensuring the present works well and the future is viable. He noted five Rotarians work every week and 3 of them are in their 80s - so more and younger help is needed. Recent downturns in player numbers is concerning and the committee is reviewing ways to improve. More to come.

Community Giving: Jay S. noted donation requests for this year have increased from the last year and this may be a "banner year" that requires an increase in the committee's budget of \$10,000. His committee will be reviewing guidelines and welcomes new members.

Youth Services- Interact: Kevin R. reported on the Interact Club at Dover H.S. Members are active in community service, preparing for the Guatemala trip and the New Generations Conference & Convention at Dover H.S. March 21. Volunteers are needed for the day as well as donations of food and supplies. Please contact Kevin

to assist in this project. (Betsey AP noted Interact info at the H.S. is everywhere - Kevin said the current leadership is doing a great job promoting their projects).

Youth Services - Student of the Month - Gregg D. reported two students have been selected so far and they are heartwarming events. The first three will be invited to a Rotary meeting in January with their families to recognize their achievements.

Youth Services: RYLA - Phil R. asked members who know sophomores to let them know about the leadership camp held at the end of June - applications will be out in May. More info is available at rotary.org.

Milk & Egg Program: Nick P. reported for Cate R., noting the program is offered at Community Action and the Food Pantry. The committee has a \$4,000 budget and are printing new cards for distribution at both sites to be redeemed at Janetos.

Library Project - Noreen B. noted the furnishings for the Dover Children's Library are anticipated to arrive in December at a cost of \$47,000. The Library will schedule a thank you event early in the new year.

International - Tom D. said two donations have been made this year so far to Friends Forever and the Romania Project. The committee is also looking at possibly joining a project in Jordan to help young people develop marketable skills in the tourism industry and another project with Rain in the Sahel to provide water to villages to grow food. More to come.

Scholarships - applications will be distributed in February.

Public Relations- Melissa noted our active social media presence and recent news stories in *Foster's*.

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.

MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

Monday:

Exeter	Exeter Inn	12:15 PM
Rochester	Governor's Inn	12:15 PM
Wells, ME	The Bull "N Claw	7:30 AM

Tuesday:

Concord	Cat 'n Fiddle Restaurant	12:15 PM
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Hampton	Ashworth By the Sea	7:30 AM
Kittery, ME	Kittery Estates	7:30 AM
Kittery After Hours	Weathervane	5:00 PM
Wednesday:		
Biddeford-Saco, ME	Captain's Gallery Rest.	12:15 PM
Durham Great Bay	Flag Hill Winery, Lee	7:30 AM
Ogunquit, ME	The Old Village Inn	12 noon
Thursday:		
Kennebunk, ME	Boat Yard Restaurant	12:15 PM
Seacoast Rotary	Portsmouth Gas Light	7:30 AM
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Country Club	12:15 PM
Sanford-		
Springvale, ME	Town Club@Fleet Bank	7:30 AM
South Berwick/ Eliot, ME	SB Community Center	7:15 AM
Friday:		
Bow	Trinity Tavern	7:30 AM
Portland, ME	Portland Club	7:15 AM
York, ME	York Harbor Inn	7:30 AM
Make-up on the web: www.roti.org or www.rotaryclubone.org		