



Dec. 7, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Megan welcomed members, guests, and speakers to the greatest Rotary in the universe!

Megan welcomed guests from the Rotary Club of Mumbai: P.R. (“Sakthi”) Sakthivel and Dr. Veena Sakthivel are in Dover visiting their son, Kartik, who lives here. In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, Kartik bought delicious LaFesta pizzas and a cake from Harvey’s for all to share!

Frank C. displayed a framed print, from 1915, which enumerated the Rotary Code of Ethics (11 of them!) in flowery script. He found it in an antique store in Massachusetts many years ago.

Vote: President Megan announced we had a quorum of members present and online to vote for next year’s (2023/2024) officers and directors could proceed. **On a motion by Betsey A-P to approve the proposed slate, and seconded by Gregg D., the membership voted unanimously to elect:**

- Kathy Fink President
- Harry Cheney President-Elect
- Megan Keil Past President
- Marion Cheney Secretary
- Phil Rinaldi Treasurer
- Cathy Beaudoin Vice President
- Directors: Jay Stephens, Melissa Lesniak, David Kessler, Gregg Dowty and Cate Rafferty

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Dec. 14: Pot Luck Lunch, Holiday Swap, Santa

Dec. 21: Theresa R. Classification Talk

Dec. 28: No meeting

Events:

Dec. 10: St. Thomas Episcopal Church Holiday Concert, 7 pm., sponsored by our Rotary

Guests: Rotary Club of Mumbai: P.R. (“Sakthi”) Sakthivel and Dr. Veena Sakthivel

Pledge: Jerry D.
4-Way Test: Frank C.

Today’s newsletter authored by Cathy B.

Paul Harris Presentation: Gregg D. presented a Paul Harris +1 pin to Nick P., for his generous contributions to Rotary Foundation. Congratulations, Nick!

Program: Paul Quintavalla, Rotaplast International.

Paul Quintavalla is a NYC native but has lived in PA since 1987. He has been a Rotarian since 2005. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the mission of Rotaplast, founded in 1992. The organization provides free reconstructive surgery, on site, to children (and some adults) in countries where cleft lip and cleft palate are endemic, due partly to genetics and partly to a lack of folic acid in their diets. He recently returned from a mission to Antigua, Guatemala. Mission trips for 2023 include: the Philippines, India, Colombia, Bangladesh, and Egypt. Each mission is staffed by volunteers and costs ca. \$100,000. Their goal is to heal 100 children per each two-week mission. They bring all medical equipment and supplies necessary, plus Beanie Babies and handmade quilts for comfort. These children are able to lead more fulfilling lives after the surgery. Paul's slides of patients before and after surgery were eye-opening and remarkable.

Q & A:

Can non-medical personnel volunteer? Paul asked Cate Rafferty to answer that! Cate described what she did on her mission and displayed a prize possession, a blue scrub shirt, signed by each of the children who'd had surgery. There are plenty of jobs for non-surgical staff!

Gregg D. asked if Rotaplast money came from the Foundation? No, they are an independent organization, a separate 501(c)(3).

Frank C. asked if preventative medicine, such as supplies of folic acid for young children, could help? Yes, they are working on educating local providers in these countries to distribute necessary vitamins and supplements.

Phil R. went on a mission to Venezuela in 2002 and commented that the expressions on the faces of these children's parents, after seeing the results of a surgery, were unbelievably heart-warming.

Kathy F. asked how one might volunteer to go on a mission? Paul said to contact him at 484-343-8560 or email Rotarian.paul@outlook.com to start the process.

Announcements

Pres. Megan reminded us it was the 81st anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Potluck Christmas Party and Yankee Swap next week, December 14. Sign up to bring food and wear your ugly Christmas sweater! Don't spend over \$25 on your Swap gift, please.

On December 21, Theresa Robison will give her classification talk.

No meeting on December 28.

St. Thomas Episcopal Holiday Concert is December 10 at 7pm. Free, but donations accepted. Rotary is a sponsor of this event and Kathy F. is the pianist. Also on December 10, is the Ugly

Sweater Holiday Party at the Moose Lodge, featuring Rockingham Groove, to benefit the Dover Mental Health Alliance. See Gregg to join the Rotary table. \$25 pp.

Thank you letters for Rotary donations were received from Horne Street School, Garrison School, and the Garrison Players.

Committee Reports:

Bingo--- There were 86 players, and 21 boxes were sold.

Kids' Closet---Gregg invited anyone to come this afternoon for the presentation of gift cards to the three Dover elementary schools, \$3,000 each. Dover Middle School has previously received \$3,500 and Dover High School \$5,000. \$1,500 was also distributed to the Dover Children's Home, plus \$10,000 to the Dover Housing Authority.

Festival of Trees---Melissa reported that the Rotary tree, with its super-duper "best of show" game board tree topper, sold at silent auction for \$275. A fun event for all who participated.

Student of the Month---This activity has resumed at Dover Middle School after a COVID hiatus. An all-school assembly honored the 8th grader who received a T-shirt and \$50 gift certificate from Rotary. Chaos & Kindness performed, and it was both a raucous and gratifying event for the Rotarians who attended.

Happy Bucks:

\$5 from Kathy F. for the new slate of officers, for our visiting guests from Mumbai, for the pizza and cake, and for the upcoming holiday concert.

\$2 from Noreen B. for the Festival of Trees and the amazing DMS assembly.

\$2 from Cindy I. for visits from her family in CT and re-connecting with a former student who's made a success of her life.

\$3 from Nick P. for the Mumbai visitors, the DMS assembly, and the Paul Harris pin.

\$1 from Gregg D. for Sakthivel's 50th Anniversary.

\$5 from Melissa L. for the Festival of Trees, the DMS assembly, her new little sister (age 6), and for 24 sleeps until her Caribbean trip.

\$1 from Cate R. for a friend of Seth's who threw himself a fabulous 85th birthday party.

50/50 Drawing: \$678 in the pot. The winning ticket was Norm H.'s but Queen of Spades draw was not the winner. At the conclusion of the meeting, flags were exchanged between the Dover club and the Mumbai Club and Mr. Sakthivel spoke about his warm welcome in Dover, his club in India, and mission to fund pediatric heart surgery.

December Birthdays:

Dave D. Dec. 10

Nancy B. Dec. 11

Frank B. Dec. 15

Heather B. Dec. 16

Jerry D. Dec. 29

Cathy B. Dec. 30