



### Feb. 14, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy welcomed everyone to Dover Club of Dover, NH

### Program: Portrait of a Learner – Carolyn Eastman & Dr. Bill Harbron

*Speaker bios: Carolyn Eastman is a consultant for the Dover School District and is working with the district on its Strategic Plan. Carolyn is a former Assistant Superintendent with the Oyster River Schools and a former elementary school teacher. Carolyn also works with Pinetree Institute and is an Master Trainer for ACEs and the Trauma Responsive Certificate Program.*

*Dr. Bill Harbron is the Superintendent of Dover Schools and has led the school district for the past seven years. He is an educational leader who focuses on practices that enhance learning for all students in a safe and caring environment. Bill also works closely with community organizations and is a member of the Dover Mental Health Alliance steering committee.*

Carolyn presented the work that has been done by the 25-member steering committee made up of community members, teachers, parents, and students. She reviewed the *Portrait Of A Learner* that was completed last year and used as a foundation for the strategic plan. The RC of Dover participated in the development of the Portrait which identifies five areas of focus for the education system. Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Character, and Life Skills are the core of learning that teachers and students build upon.

The district is now conducting focus group sessions with community members to gain feedback on 7 focus areas including:

- Wellbeing- Care for the physical and mental wellbeing of students, leaders, teachers, and staff

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

#### Meetings:

**Feb. 20:** BOD Chamber 12:30-2

**Feb. 21:** Club Assembly

**Feb. 28:** Aging Crisis-NH Easter Seals

**Mar. 6:** Brian Nolan Ukraine

**Mar. 13:** Pope Memorial

**Mar. 19:** BOD Chamber 12:30-2

**Mar. 20:** Dover RESET

**Mar. 27:** Club Assembly

#### Events:

**Feb. 17: Peace Concert at Noble High School in North Berwick,** 2-3:30 pm \$25, sign up at: <https://our.show/concertforpeace2024>.

**Feb. 24:** Crutches 4 Africa

**Feb. 24:** International Café zoom 9:30-11 am

**Mar. 2:** Comedy Night Rochester Rotary Elks 6-9

**Mar. 7-9:** NEPETS Newton MA

**Mar. 19: Together on Tuesday,** Cinco's Cantina, 6-8 pm

**Guests** Supt. of Dover Schools Bill Harbron, Dover School Consultant and Visiting Rotarian Carolyn Eastman

*Today's newsletter authored by Gregg D.*

- Community Partnerships- Deep relationships with all community members
- Equity/Inclusion- ensure every student is included and has their needs met
- Innovative Culture- A culture that allows for curiosity, creativity and flexibility
- Team Approach- A collaborative approach to teaching, learning, and supporting students
- Data Use – Using a variety of data to make decisions and provide evidence toward vision
- Infrastructure- Develop the people, technology, indoor/outdoor spaces to ensure students and staff can thrive in any future

Bill reported focus sessions yield important information and involving all in the development of a strategic plan is essential to its success. A strategic plan is only useful if it is an active, living document that provides alignment of the mission, vision and values of the organization.

The club members then provided feedback prioritizing their individual views of the 7 focus areas. Questions and comments provided suggestions and thoughts about the process and will be incorporated in the work moving forward.

### Announcements:

**Peace Concert:** President Kathy reminded everyone of the District 7780 Peace Concert to be held this Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Noble High School from 2:00PM to 4:00 PM. Rotarians are invited to attend this important event for the district and bring friends to what promises to be an exceptional concert.

**Student of the Month:** Gregg D. Announced February's Student of the Month recognition will take place at Dover Middle School next Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 PM. Rotarians are welcome to attend the presentation before attending next week's club assembly.

**Crutches for Africa,** a District 7780 initiative, will be loading another container of medical equipment for shipment to Africa on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and Rotarians' help would be appreciated. Dennis Robillard of the Saco Bay Sunset RC is coordinating the effort which will begin loading at 9:00 AM. The storage location is at the Lion's Club Building, 138 Saco Ave., Old Orchard Beach, ME. Jim Munro is organizing a car pool for anyone who can lend a hand that morning.

**Senior visits:** Melissa L. reported that the next Senior Visit is planned for March 19<sup>th</sup> at Maple Suites and the group will be playing Bingo. Cate R. Mentioned that this is a lively, fun group and urged members to join in the fun.

**Bingo** hosted 105 players last week and we sold 25 boxes of Lucky 7 Tickets. Gregg D; reported that the board will be considering a policy for Financial Controls at its meeting next Tuesday.

**Tickets:** Brenden M. is providing 2 tickets for the Strand Theater that can be used anytime. It was suggested that we auction the tickets next week at the club assembly.

**The District Training Assembly** will be held **April 20<sup>th</sup>** at Westbrook High School and is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Rotary and District 7780 activities.

**The Annual district 7780 Conference** will be held on **June 29<sup>th</sup>** at Starr Island. This will also be the District changeover event and promises to be a fun overseas voyage for the day. More information will follow.

### Happy Dollars:

**Brenden M.** was happy that the NH Charitable Foundation awarded The NH Service Dog Foundation a grant for its work on behalf of their efforts. Also happy that he met with the Governor's Council about the organization.

**Cate R.** was happy to see Noreen in person (with cookies) as opposed to Zoom and for Carolyn's presentation.

**Harry C.** was happy that all our club will show up for the Peace Concert and happy to see Doug L. feeling better. Also happy for Carolyn and Bill's work on the strategic plan.

**Gregg D.** happy for Valentine's Day and for Carolyn's presentation.

**50/50 Raffle:** Brenden M. drew the chance at the prize pot of \$137. No Luck!

### February Birthdays:

Kathy L. Feb. 15

### February Anniversaries:

Kristin S. 8 years

Naila A. 4 years