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The newsletter of the Rotary Club
of Dover, NH



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

February 2, 2022 – 121 Broadway, Dover, NH & Zoom

Welcome one and all to the greatest Rotary Club in the world.
We are all here to Serve to Change the World.

Thank you to Megan K. for tech help and Marion for lunch.

Vote to approve Skate Park Donation

Motion on the floor from previous meeting: To approve a donation of 30K to be used by city of Dover to build a pavilion at the new skate park, including landscaping, to be branded appropriately for Rotary.

Motion to Amend: Motion by Malcolm M., Seconded by Jay S. Reduce the amount to \$5,000 and require branding.

Discussion: Too much cost for product. Pavilion is open structure, \$17,000, landscaping \$3,000. Proposes an amendment that we donate \$15,000. Experience with original skate park was that the city did not maintain it. Not convinced of educational component, benefits overstated.

Vote on Amendment: 2 in favor, 30 opposed, Motion to Amend defeated.

Discussion on main motion.

Not something that addresses basic human needs in our community. Real plus for city of Dover, will be used by many other groups, e.g., Marine Docents. This is a completely different project with respect to maintenance – city has lots of skin in this game, more money in the project than Rotary. This park has been on Parks & Recreation committee’s agenda for many years. This is a project that addresses mental health issues, stress reliever.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Feb. 9 – 7:30 am. Heather B. Classification

Feb. 16 – 12:15 pm. Ken Mendis and Cora Quisumbing-King Racial Unity Team

Feb. 17 - 1 PM you are invited to join RC Dover and RC Dover UK in a joint fellowship zoom details to follow.

Feb. 23 - Social Event TBA

Pledge: Jay S.

4-Way Test: Harry C.

Guests in person: Alisha Biehl, Via zoom: Shannon Biehl and Klanci Vanderhyde

Feb. Birthdays

Kathy L.	Feb. 15
Cara S.	Feb. 28

Feb. Anniversaries

Laurie W.	22 years
Kirstin S.	6 years
Tracey D.	11 years
Nalia A.	2 years

Today’s newsletter authored by Jim V.

We have over \$300,000 on the balance sheet. One member's son made great use of park – kept skateboarders out of unsafe places for skateboarding.

Vote – 23 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion passes.

Program: Noreen Biehl, Author of Guilty News

Took 4 years to write the book. Loved doing it, a fun, fun project. Some quotes about writing:

Mark Twain:

Writing is easy all you have to do is cross out the wrong words.

Stephen King:

The road to hell is paved with adverbs.

Hemingway:

There is nothing to writing, all you have to do is sit down at a typewriter and bleed.

Write drunk, edit sober

How the project started – was asked, why a novel? Never done this kind of fiction before, except in the prologue and epilogue for the history of Wentworth-Douglass Hospital. Joined a writing group, wrote a chapter at a time. Based on something she knew a lot about – based on the work she did at WDH. A lot about things and people in her life. Set where she grew up in Niagara Falls. Cover photo is one she took a few years ago. Created a very special hospital, based on actual interesting advances in orthopedic medicine. How the story developed – one component after the other. Two kinds of writers. Plotter – have characters and plot in place, sketches it all out, then fills in. Pantsers sit down and starts to write. Noreen's mostly a pantsler with some outlining along the way. Jerry Daley was a resource – he suggested changed name from original "The Spokesperson." Tough reporter character is based on her actual experiences as well. Original ending was totally different.

Noreen read an excerpt, then gave some background on writing and publishing. Publication – self-published by Amazon. With the exception of a final, paid edit, all done by herself.

Writing group was an important source of help and keeping her on track, even when discouraged. Something needed every month. Great review on Amazon. There is a next book, another murder.

Joke of the Week

4 Rotarians, played poker every Wed. night. school superintendent, lawyer, minister, businessman. Businessmen won every week, wanted earnings put in his casket. Players went to wake, put an envelope in the casket. Superintendent said – I didn't leave the full amount of money. Only \$100. Minister – I didn't leave all but left a pretty good portion. Lawyer, you guys are really cheap – I wrote a check for the whole amount.

Announcements:

Next week will be a morning meeting here at 7:30 am.

Need a volunteer to organize food and someone to monitor the zoom meeting. Marion to get coffee set up and bring a couple of coffee cakes

Program will be a classification talk by Heather Blumenfeld along with an update about the Triangle Club

Jim M. – proposes that Rotary do something as a tribute to healthcare professionals at WDH. Letters from individual people are the most appreciated thing – community notes. Send to CCU.

Committee Reports:

Bingo – sold a lot of boxes. Not responding to our mask requests. Fewer people but big ticket buyers.

Social Committee – Food Insecurity – Focusing on two opportunities initially:

- 1) Take-out container purchase for Dover Friendly Kitchen. Donation would be very appreciated for containers. People who come on a Tuesday or Thursday night get take-out containers. Any food not used at in-person gets packaged to go to Willand Pond shelter. Interact club at DHS is very active in this.
- 2) Sign-up for helping to produce meals on days other than Tu/Thu – contact Kathy Fink, breakfasts on some days. Pianotchr2@gmail.com.
- 3) Might be an opportunity to cook meals once the kitchen is back in full force, may replace or join another team that is already in place.
- 4) Listening Session for Dover 400: Might Rotary participate – one idea is some kind of banner process for downtown – July 2023 there will be a parade – we could have a float.
- 5) Looking for Olympians that have a tie to Dover – needed by 3/15.

Foundation - Gregg D.

Pakistan has gone a full year without any wild polio cases. Close to eradication.

Recognition of Member - Melissa L. – new pin for consistent Foundation generosity.

Harvey Bernier in Mexico is looking at a kidney initiative there, has put together a group to develop a program for kidney health education and awareness.

Upcoming meetings and events

Feb. 17 - joint zoom meeting with the RC of Dover England at 1:00 PM details TBD

No fines or happy bucks due to time.

Drawing: \$498 in the pot. Doug L. drew, didn't win.