



## Feb. 22, 2023 – Zoom Meeting, 12:15

Pres. Megan welcomed everyone to the Rotary Club of Dover

Thank you to Doug L. for picking up lunch.

### Program – Mini Classification Talks by Kathy F. and Jim V.

Kathy F. distributed quizzes to each table asking members to guess various facts about her journey in life. Questions included: Her place of birth – Cleveland; Her first piano accompaniment- age 9; Her first musical – Flower Drum Song at Oyster River HS; Her Rock Band – Crossfire; College and Degree- UNH for Piano performance; Graduation Date- Dropped out to tour with Rock Group went back and graduated in 1989; Met her husband- In a mall, School she ran- The Bell Center for the Arts; Current Jobs – All of the Above; Semi-retirement date – June 30, 2023.

Kathy filled us in as she went with all the details of her journey.

Jim V. described his life since retirement, not his original retirement at age 62, but his second retirement last month at age 75. Following his first retirement he had been very busy with a French Break year travelling in France. He served several years in the NH Legislature and leadership positions with Dover Democrats. He was a worship leader in his church, which kept him busy helping immigrant families and he served as a Bingo Caller. His work recently with immigrant justice added to his busy life.

Following his partner Carlos's health challenges, Jim decided to make changes. After much introspection, at age 75, he stepped back to re-assess. Now he chooses to do what he truly enjoys and gives him purpose. He asked why do we do what we do and he is working on that question. He now plans small dinner parties which brings him joy. He and Carlos take many walks, he joined the Dover Senior center and uses the gym, a great deal for anyone interested, and he is learning and growing at his own pace.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Meetings:

**Mar. 1:** Strafford County Commissioner George Maglaras - plans for Riverside.

**Mar. 8:** Sherry Lee and Simone Dubai, DEI Committee Members of Wentworth Health Partners, will talk about pronouns (he, she, him, her) what and why we use them.

**Mar. 15:** OPEN

**Mar. 22:** Business meeting and mini-classifications

**Mar. 29:** No noon meeting. We will meet in Portsmouth for a "Black Heritage Trail" walk. Time and location TBD

**Guests** Genevieve Johnson, Dover, HS Interact President & Kathy Spencer, Interact Advisor

**Pledge:** Kathy Spencer.

**4-Way Test:** Jay S.

*Today's newsletter authored by Gregg D.*

## Announcements

**Thank Yous** were received from SCCAP for our support of Summer Meals program and from Arts in Reach for support for their Valentines Project.

**Student of the Month** was awarded at Dover Middle School last week with Gregg D., Melissa L., Nick P., and Harry C. in attendance.

**Interact** is working on a fundraiser with the Key Club and currently has 25+ members active. They are promoting RYLA with the Sophomore members of the group.

**Bingo Report:** We hosted 117 players and sold 30 boxes of tickets.

**District 7780 Events** include the District Training Assembly to be held in Westbrook on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had 12 members from our club attending and we are looking into getting a bus again this year. Marion is considering a July 15<sup>th</sup> Leadership Changeover Event and it may be a cruise on the Thomas Leighton.

Boston Symphony Hall will be the site of a planned event with several Rotary districts from around New England. A Song of peace will be recorded with the Boston Symphony and the video will be gifted to the new Rotary Peace Center in Istanbul.

### Happy Bucks:

**Jay S.** was happy for his granddaughter's acceptance at University of Virginia and at Virginia Technical Institute.

**Phil R.** was happy for Interact Advisor and Interact President visiting today.

**Jim V.** was happy for upcoming trip to Florida.

**Genevieve Johnson** was happy for her visit to West Point Military Academy.

**Gregg D.** was happy for twin's vacation spent with Mimi and Papa this week.

**50/50 Drawing:** Melissa L. had a chance at the jackpot but to no avail.

### February Birthdays:

Kathryn L. Feb. 15

### February Anniversary:

Kristin S. 7 years

Naila A. 3 years