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The newsletter of the Rotary Club
of Dover, NH



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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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 Kathy F. for bagels.

Program: Past President Mike Rennebu Classification

Mike's experienced lots of change in his personal life since his last talk about 2 years ago. He was born in Rochester, grew up in Dover, and moved to Hawaii at age 12. NE accent, some culture shock as dynamics are different, got to learn a lot of different cultures – majority of people are Japanese & Chinese – he loved it. He learned to Hulu which resulted in lots of travel around the world. After high school, he was in a Hawaiian band for several years. He danced in Japan – a place he loved. Then, he went to business college for a 2-year degree and ended up back to NH, so he could help family. Met his wife here and now they have a baby girl.

Nonprofit work is amazing to Mike – trying to meet some of the so many needs. During his Rotary presidential year, he experienced one of the most difficult and happy time -- a work transition and he got married that year. He started as a clerk at the post office, learned a lot, but that was not to be his future. Transitioned to work with Lonza at the urging of his brother. Lonza makes drugs on contract. Found a new niche in life, great company, worldwide, based in Switzerland. Got to work on the Moderna vaccine – still doing good for humanity.

Mike assures us there are no microchips in Moderna's vaccine. Go to the website to read what's going on. It's very transparent. This new type of vaccine is different. There is no virus injected into the body. Allergic reactions are possible.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Jan. 18 – BOD, 12:30 pm
via Zoom – all welcome

Jan. 19, 12:15 pm: Chief
Bob McKenzie, How Covid
has impacted Substance
Use Disorder

Jan. 22 – Partner with
Don't Trash Dover, 9:30 –
10:30 am, meet on steps of
Dover Public Library, coffee
& donuts after

Jan. 26, no meeting

Pledge: Phil R.
4-Way Test: Frank/Gregg D.
Guests: none

Rotary moment: Marion
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DEI – Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion. Encouraging
everyone in our district to
adopt the DEI commitment.

*Today's newsletter
authored by Jim V.*

Homelife – still married, beautiful little girl, amazing to watch growth.

Proud to be a Rotarian, talks about it often, visits other clubs when he travels. His first project as a Rotarian was to help revitalize the Rotary Garden at Henry Law Park. Now taking over Shoe & Boot. Lots more need than we originally thought, so looking forward to that. Under his presidency, Thirsty Tuesdays was started.

Questions:

Did employees get a chance for vaccine early? No. And first shot made him quite sick for a day or so. Better to get the vaccine.

Where do you live now?

Living in Dover and would prefer to buy here, certainly in the Seacoast.

Do you miss Hawaii?

Miss being there because of adopted family there. Weather there is pleasant, but also enjoys snow

Joke of the Week- Gregg D. – COVID had a tremendous impact – e.g. special early hours for seniors. Lines before opening were long. Young man cut to front of line, elderly lady beat him with a cane, “seniors only.” He left, came back, gentleman beat him to ground, same line. Third time, he said “if you don’t let me unlock the door, nobody’s getting in to buy groceries.”

Announcements:

Golf Committee: Kathy F. - should be up and running soon. Invitation to join – let Kathy know. Gregg & Noreen so far.

Social Committee: Cathy B. - 4th meeting of the month will be social. Committee met last night, came up with these ideas – still looking for a plan:

The fourth meeting this month – Jan. 26 will not be held and, instead, the club will partner with Don’t Trash Dover on Saturday, the 22nd. Meet on steps of Dover Public Library. 9:30 am – 10:30 am, coffee and donuts after.

Other ideas for the 4th meeting: Show at Garrison, Bowling, Game Night (icebreaker), Woodman Museum, Children’s Museum, Wentworth Greenhouses who work with York Center for Wildlife, sledding at Wagon Hill, visit to Flagg Hill Winery, ice skating, yoga together, wagon ride at Tendercrop, Escape Rooms using library kit, historic walking tour of Dover, Hilltop Fun Center for laser tag or minigolf. Expect to ask Board for \$1,000 budget.

Foundation: Gregg D.- Dollars that we donate come back to us in the form of grants and the good we do in the world. Foundation supports 7 causes:

- Promoting Peace – Peace Center in Africa
- Fighting Disease – Eradicating Disease
- Clean Water/Sanitation/Hygiene
- Saving Mothers & Children
- Supporting Education – one of our big causes
- Growing Local Economies
- Protecting the Environment – new cause

NOTE – New member Dorie attended via Zoom – recent cast put on at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

Vote: \$30,000 Donation to Dover's new skate park project

MOTION – To contribute \$30,000 toward pavilions work at new skate park at Guppy Park. \$20,000 for new pavilion and \$10, for landscaping.

Moved by Jim V, second by Phil

Malcolm was one of two on Board who voted against. He said the \$20,000 cost is excessive for the pavilion.

Gregg voted in favor – he said the project is worthwhile, will be used by lots of kids and families, an emerging sport, the city is investing in this in a major way. Cost of construction, if properly built, is not out of line.

Jim V. – Portsmouth is also building a skate park – Seacoast will become a center for this sport.

Tracey D. – Have we considered a lower amount? \$20,000 is for an outdoor building that I imagine.

than originally knew about. Up and coming sport – could we Rotarians assist in construction to reduce costs?

Kathy F. – Will this be a more successful location? Original skatepark, jumps and ramps become spaces for the homeless. New location is built differently to discourage this and woods have been removed.

Harry C. – Will there be a big splash? Rotary needs more traction.

Vote: In Favor: 11, Opposed: 5, Motion passes.

Fines:

Doug – Getting up for a 7:30 meeting is a struggle in his 22nd year of retirement.

- Those who stayed home owe a \$1.
- Where did Mike come from originally? Rochester is the answer – all hands raised

Drawing - Mike pulled the number but not the Ace. Pot grows!!!

Happy Bucks

Kathy F. – Jesus Christ Superstar production at beautifully restored Emerson Theatre. First time seeing a professional, live production.

Gregg D. - \$2 for grandchildren's 2nd vaccine yesterday.

Doug L. – Negative COVID test; early Dec. had the chance to visit son in San Diego

Mike R. – For daughter, picks up words for songs after hearing just twice

Phil R. – Happy for Cate, donation in Cate's name came from her neighbor.

Laurie W. – For Zoom meetings.