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The newsletter of the Rotary Club
of Dover, NH



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



Happy New Year!!!

January 5, 2022 – 121 Broadway, Dover, NH

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 Melissa for Tech help.

Program: Laurie McIntosh, Our Place

Bio: Laurie is the board chair of Our Place, Inc., a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide housing solutions for adults with developmental disabilities. She has an MS in Occupational Therapy from UNH and certification as an Assistive Technology Professional through the Rehabilitation Engineering and Technology Society of North America. Recently retired from 38 years as a school occupational therapist, she is currently an assistive technology consultant with AT for Education. Laurie and her first husband moved to the McIntosh Boat Yard on Dover Point in 1994. There they raised two sons, now in their 30's, who have developmental disabilities. Laurie and her husband, Ron, are very involved with the Great Bay Yacht Club and when they are not working on the Our Place project, they are completing the restoration of their 1971 lobster cruiser.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Note: New Schedule!!!
All meetings at 121 Broadway unless otherwise indicated

Jan. 12, 7:30 am: Past Pres. Mike Rennebu

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

Jan. 26, 5 – 7 pm: Evening meeting, & social – location TBD

Pledge of Allegiance---all
4-Way Test --- Cate R.
Guests – Laurie McIntosh

Today's newsletter author – Noreen B.

One of Laurie's first jobs was deinstitutionalizing a "horrible" facility caring inappropriately for "old men." She moved on to a similar role at the old Laconia children's institution when the state moved children needing extensive services back home, gave money to their families and left them to fend for themselves to find assistance. As the mother of two adult children with developmental disabilities, Laurie understands the difficulty similar parents experience trying to maintain an independent environment for their children while supporting the services they need and the socialization they crave.

NH currently has over 21,000 people with disabilities living at home or with caregivers, many over the age of 60. Laurie and her husband recognized a growing need for housing environments that would provide individual living quarters with common *spaces close to public transportation, downtown activities, educational opportunities and vibrant communities. Their search led to Dover, NH and surrounding towns using a model of a 10-unit home in Hanover, NH.*

In 2019 they set up 501 (c) 3 nonprofit called Our Place and began the work of finding funding and real estate. To date they have raised close to \$300,000 but their journey is just beginning. They are hoping to expand their board, with members proficient in finance, real estate transactions and business plans as they explore new construction, renovation projects or partnerships with developers. For now, they are navigating Medicare regulations and other seeking other resources to create a self-sustaining complex in an appropriate neighborhood that will understand the need and not resist their efforts.

Joke of the Week- Nick P. made an effort as a jokester but he's probably better at finance.

BOD Meeting – Pres. Jim

- **Masks** – Voted to highly recommend mask wearing at meetings
- **Board vacancy** – Kathy F. approved to fill vacancy created by Cara S.'s departure due to increased job responsibilities
- **Poker Room** – completed requirements for the 10-day fundraiser
- **Donations Approved** - \$2,500 each to Rotaries in KY and TN for tornado ravaged families.
- **Recommended** (by 5 to 2 vote) \$30,000 donation for Dover's Skate Park to construct an educational pavilion and landscaping. Prior to a membership vote, details of the plan will be sent to members.

Foundation Minute – Gregg D.

Consider making the Rotary Foundation one of your charitable gifts in 2022.

Drawing – \$428 - Nick P. drew the five of diamonds – sorry, Nick. Pot grows!!!

Happy Bucks

Gregg D. happy to be 6 weeks into 12 weeks of non weight bearing – his wife is an angel too!

Ron R. for retirement after 43 years at D.F. Richard – congrats!!!

Laurie W. for finally figuring out Venmo

Nick P. for Rotary donation to Amy's Treat.

January Birthdays

Dick C.	Jan. 4
Ken P.	Jan. 5
Megan K.	Jan. 8
Kevin R.	Jan. 13
Cate R.	Jan. 29

January Anniversary

Jay S.	30 years
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