



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Message from Phil: MEMBERSHIP DUES were DUE July 1; Please mail them to Rotary Club of Dover, PO Box 1801, Dover NH 03821-1801.

July 1, 2020 - Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Noreen B.

Welcome: New President Gregg D. welcomed Rotarians to the Rotary Club of Dover - the greatest Rotary Club in the Universe - Onward and Upward!

Pledge: Club

Rotary Moment: Pres. Gregg noted all Rotary Year Themes since he joined Rotary in 2006 included: Service Above Self; Lead The Way; Rotary Shares; Make Dreams Real; The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands; Building Communities – Building Continents; Reach Within to Embrace Humanity; Peace Through Service; Engage Rotary Change Lives; Light Up Rotary; Be a Gift to the World; Rotary Serving Humanity; Rotary: Making a Difference; Be the Inspiration; Rotary Connects the World

This year's theme is "Rotary Opens Opportunities"

4-Way Test +1: Club

Guest Rotarian: New District Gov. Peggy Belanger

Announcements:

Thank you to all who joined the meeting and congratulations to Immediate Past President Melissa for a successful year keeping everyone connected.

- **Bingo & Covid-19 Survey:** Approximately 30 Rotarians completed the Bingo survey to date and results are split - half in support of returning as soon as August and half in favor of waiting to another date based on more safety info on Covid-19. Please complete the survey if you haven't done so and send to Marion C. Gregg will discuss the survey and fundraising alternatives on July 15.
- **Bingo on Hold:**
The Dover Bingo Hall has cancelled its July opening and will not open until further notice based on recent spikes in Covid-19 infections.

- **CAP Food Pick Up:** Jim V. said volunteers will be needed to transfer food from First Parish Church on Tuesdays to CAP and on Thursdays to return the bins. To sign up visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4daeaf2ba46-first>
- **RYLA** has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19 and will return in 2021.
- **Greenheart Exchange Students:** The exchange program is seeking housing for two students planning to attend Dover HS - one from Japan and one from Italy. If interested, contact Pres. Gregg.
- **Miles the Moose:** He's been sitting around Melissa's office - needs to get to work.
- **Upcoming meetings:**
 - July 8, Mayor Bob Carrier and Dover Anniversary Chair Elizabeth Burr, Dover's 400th Celebration (ZOOM);
 - July 15, Club Strategy Session on Fundraising Alternatives (ZOOM)
 - July 22, "Picnic in the Park" Rotary Pavilion and Gardens, Tony McManus- History of Henry Law Park; bring your own bag lunch.
 - July 29 - TBD
 - Thirsty Tuesday – July 21- outdoors at Cochecho Country Club (weather permitting)
 - Thirsty Tuesday - Aug. 18 - Dowty's patio and party tent

New Sergeant at Arms: Pres. Gregg thanked this year's board of Directors, Officers and Chairs of two dozen Dover Rotary Committees and welcomed Kathy L. as the new Sergeant at Arms. Kathy immediately fined Tom D. for his maltreatment of Cate R. in the past year, followed by a fine for the new President for his remarks about Cate. No one is safe - even presidents!!!

Program: New President's Message

Three score and ten years ago, Gregg Dowty was born in Somerset, MA, the second of four boys - all 3 years apart. His amazing parents instilled the value of education in their sons who went on to earn four Bachelor degrees, five Master degrees, two Advanced Graduate degrees and one Doctorate. Three went on to become college professors, a Lt. Col., a HS football coach and one, Gregg D., is now President of a Rotary Club.

The words of Gregg's parents continue to influence him today. Gregg recalled his mother saying "Everything happens for a reason" and "Some good comes out of everything." His dad reminded him that even in adversity, "You've got to work with the best in people." And, he plans to do just that.

A graduate of the U. of Maine where he met his wife Liz, now married for 47 years and, he admits, "she is still looking for the best" in him. After graduating from U. of

Maine, he was drafted and joined the US Navy Reserve for six years. His first teaching job was in a two-room school at the Magalloway Plantation in a Maine/NH border town. He moved on to Central Maine where he taught 7th and 8th grade, became a school principal and elementary school supervisor. In 1993 he accepted the role of Deputy Director of the Good Will-Hinckley boarding school for at-risk youth and completed his Doctorate in Education from the U. of Maine. In 2006 he took on "the hardest job I've ever had" at the Children's Home of Easton, Allentown, PA., for kids in trouble.

The school was also in trouble and Gregg and his team set out to make changes following the Gung Ho (Chinese for 'working together') program which is based on three animal attributes: the spirit of the squirrel, the way of the beaver and the gift of the goose. In many ways he noted Rotary is also rooted in the working together concept.

Gregg retired four years ago and moved to Dover (and later to South Berwick) to be close to his daughter and her twin boys. After joining Rotary in PA, he felt Rotary would be a good way to connect to his new community. The wisdom table Rotarians were his first companions and influenced his choice to join the club.

"Onward and Upward" will be Gregg's tag line this year in light of the challenges the club will face in this year of unknowns. "I will look for new opportunities," he said, "and embrace change, take care of our members and stay focused on our core values."

Budget 2020-21:

Pres. Gregg reviewed the operations and charities budgets noting the estimated amount for bingo profit may be high or low based on what happens during the year. He also noted the budget showed a loss of \$51,500 if all programs are fully funded - a loss that could be covered by other savings and investments currently available to the club of close to \$300,000. Of those funds, \$200,000 are invested in an Edward Jones account - the Board will soon be developing a policy on the use of these funds. A motion to approve the budget as presented, made by Ute L. and seconded by Nancy B., was passed unanimously.

Club Goals:

Pres. Gregg reviewed his goals for the year:

Club membership - add 6 new members and retain current members

Service participation - track Rotarian service hours on Rotary projects and with other community groups

District Conference - encourage strong participation - Marion C. will be chairing the event in Kennebunkport at the Colony in 2021

District Training - encourage good attendance, usually have 10 or more Dover Rotarians attend

Foundation - \$9,000 goal

Meetings & Social events - greatest challenge in light of the virus

Past Presidents - meetings will consider strategic thinking on emerging issues

Collaborations - vital to join with other non-profits and businesses in the community

Club video - highlight the good works of Dover Rotary for PR and member recruitment

Spotlight Interviews

Melissa will be conducting spotlight interviews with one member per week to post on social media and feature in Bing. DG Peggy noted the Portsmouth club does something similar - Melissa said that's where she got the idea.

Happy News - next week.

Birthdays: July

Ed H. July 22

Ram R. July 24

Norm H. July 25

Anniversaries: July

Dick C. 36 years

Jerry D. 36 years

Joe L. 40 years

Bob L. 7 years

Doug L. 2 years

Nick P. 9 years

ROTARY'S 4-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.