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The Newsletter of the

Rotary Club of Dover, NH since 1924

Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

## SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

**July 14, 2021 - 121 Broadway, Dover, NH**

**Welcome: President Jim M. welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover, the Greatest Rotary Club in the World!**

**Guest Speakers: Dover Dems Plastic Team**

**Bios:** *John Michael Atherton (Mike) retired from 30 years of teaching philosophy after 20 years of teaching a variety of subjects from elementary to graduate school. Four years in the Peace Corps in Swaziland (now Eswatini), followed by marriage, first child, and PhD all at the University of Chicago. They moved to Dover in 2019 to be near their two grandsons in Maine.*

**Kristine Baber**, co-leader of the Dover Dems' Plastic Team, has lived in Dover for 37 years. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut and was a professor in the Department of Family Studies at UNH for 25 years and the founding director of the UNH Center on Adolescence. Kristine serves on the board of Community Partners.

Drs. Atherton and Baber presented an interesting and thought provoking program entitled "Let's Break Free from Plastics". This program is part of an effort by Dover Dems Energy and Environment Action Group to bring awareness to "The Plastic Trap".

Kristine pointed out that she was impressed with the April 2021 "Rotarian" issue committed to the environment and noted that Rotarians are pointing the way. She recounted Fast Facts regarding plastics and spoke of the life cycle of plastic products.

A plastic water bottle will last for 450 years before it breaks down. Single use plastics are used for an average of 15 minutes before they are discarded. Only 9% of plastics are actually recycled and only 1% get re-used. In addition to environmental risks

### Upcoming meetings/events:

**July 28** - DG Dick Hall

**Aug. 4** - TBA

**Aug. 11** - Peggy Belanger past DG Membership

**Aug. 18** - Back to School Picnic

**Aug. 25** - Cate R. "Leadership"

**Pledge:** Jay S., **4-Way Test:** Harry C.

**Greeter:** Laurie W.

**Rotary Moment:** Jim M. reviewed objectives of Rotary:

-The development of acquaintance as an opportunity of service.

-High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of worthiness of all useful occupations.

-The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's life.

-The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

**Guests:** Mike Rennebeau, past president RCD; Harvey Bernier, visiting Rotarian; Sarah from Puerto Rico, Dr. John Michael Atherton and Dr. Kristine Baber of Dover Dems Plastics Team

*Today's newsletter submitted by Gregg D.*

there are also health risks to humans as Nano-plastics can be ingested or absorbed into the human body.

Mike presented the economic issues regarding plastic production. The fossil fuel industry is the third largest industry in our economy and has great influence on public policy. They are tripling down on their investments in plastic and this will create greater issues in the future. While some states have begun to take action limiting or banning plastic use, New Hampshire has not. There are currently two bills in the US Congress addressing Plastic Pollution; the message is that we must reduce plastic in the environment. Recycling is not the answer as it is economically not feasible to recycle plastic. It is a delaying tactic only and most recycled plastic is finding its way into landfills in this country and abroad.

The speakers commended Rotary for taking action and suggested that we all reconsider how and when we use plastic in our lives.

### Announcements:

**Thank You From:** Allie Goldman for scholarship award; Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce for Rotary Recognition Certificate; Garrison Players for Rotary support along with 4 complimentary tickets (auctioned off at the close of the meeting).

**Polio Plus Society:** Any Rotarian can become a member of the Polio Plus Society and be recognized as a leader in helping eradicate polio. A \$100 contribution to Polio Plus will help Rotary achieve this goal.

### Reports:

**Grant Request Subcommittee:** Kathy L., Melissa L., and Gregg D. met with Jaime Stevens regarding Dover Youth Softball league request for support for the renovation of the concession stand at the Southside Fields. The concession stand would be receiving a new roof and the money requested was for fascia boards, trim and painting of the building. The stand will be used by members, family and visitors to the games to be held at the park. The league plans to expand its programming and the renovation will be an important part of their future plans. The subcommittee recommended awarding a grant of \$5020 as requested with provisions. The Concession Stand will be named the Rotary Club of Dover Concession Stand and will prominently display the Rotary Logo provide by the club. Any "in memory" suggested by the league would be represented by a plaque or sign. The Board of Directors submitted this request to the club as per bylaws since it exceeds \$5000. **Following motion and second, the club approved the grant as recommended.**

**Back to School:** The Back To School Committee has met and the event recognizing children returning to school will be held on **August 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Seymour Osman Community Center. The list of materials and supplies needed for the students can be found online and may be ordered through Amazon or purchased separately. The link for the list is <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/SFXTL2Y0X6CI?>

### Happy Bucks:

**Cate R.** for our speaker and her connection to Dr. Baber as her advisor.

**Mike R.** for his happy return to Rotary

**Nick P.** for our support of Dover Youth Softball League

**Kathy F.** for her family vacation to upstate N.Y.

**Gregg D.** for Kathy's leadership with golf and twins LAX camp

**Ute L.** for her upcoming retirement

**Frank C.** for his mushroom photo collection

**Kristine B.** (speaker) for Rotary's efforts

**Jim M.** for Canada's re-opening in August

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**Rotary Gardens:** Noreen B. reported that we have been fortunate to have received the rain the garden needs but we will need to remain vigilant.

**Senior Visits:** Melissa L. reported plant delivery is continuing and we hope to return to live visits soon.

**Shred Event:** Laurie W. reported that we will soon begin planning for this year's Sept. shred event.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Fined anyone using a single-use plastic bottle



**Drawing** – Melissa L. had the winning ticket but did not draw the Ace - the pot grows!

**July Birthdays:**

Ed, Ram, Norm

**July Anniversaries:**

Cara - one year

Doug - three years

Bob - eight years

Nick - 10 years

Jerry - 37 years

Joe Lynch - 41 years (probably not right!)

**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?