



July 13, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Megan Keil welcomed members, guests and speakers and provided a Rotary Moment about making Rotary fun!

Program: Judy Emmert, Program/Outreach Specialist with Homeland Security Emergency Management, NH Dept. of Safety

New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) is the state agency responsible for coordinating the planning for, responding to and recovery from major natural and manmade disaster. HSEM is part of the NH Department of Safety and is the state-level equivalent of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Judy Emmert reviewed the structure and divisions of HSEM emphasizing their role as support and guidance for individual communities in an emergency response includes planning, prevention, response and mitigation. They are also responsible for emergency planning in a zone around Seabrook Power Plant which recently passed a safety check; unfortunately an accidental alarm was issued yesterday causing a bit of a stir but all is well.

HSEM provides an array of services including training, weather monitoring and fund sourcing to support mitigation efforts. They participate in the state’s School Readiness program initiated by Gov. Sununu in 2018 after the Parkland School incident. Of 59 recommendations made at the time over 50 have been completed.

Since 2008, NH has experienced 16 disasters -- the most dire disasters have been from heavy rains and flooding. From March 13, 2020 to June 30, 2021, they functioned full-time during the COVID-19 pandemic providing vaccines, PPE and organizational support.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meetings:
July 19: BOD, 12:30 pm, Chamber office
July 20: Ute L. “African Trip”
July 27: Special meeting to approve budget and play Bingo

Together on Tuesdays – 5 pm
July 19: Castaways Deck on Cochecho Street
Aug. 23: Picnic on the Patio, Gregg D.’s home

Pledge: Doug L.
4-way test: Julie H.

Guests: Mya Ramdev, guest of Ram Ramdev; Judy Emmert, Brenda Larson & TJ McPhee from Homeland Security Emergency Management, NH Dept. of Safety

Ms. Emmert emphasized the need for businesses and individuals to prepare for emergencies with a plan to include specific phone numbers, a 3-day survival kit and an app such as NH Alerts. She also suggested getting more involved – take a first aid course, become Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) certified and “See Something, Say Something.” For more information on how to “take action and be safe” go to ReadyNH.gov.

Announcements:

Cochecho Arts Festival: Megan introduced last week’s program and asked members to consider making introductions for the Friday night events over the next several weeks. Contact Megan K.

Garden Cleanup:

Noreen B. asked for weeding assistance on Sat. July 16 at 9 am. Ram R, Doug L. and Julie H. offered to help.

Cathy B. reported for the social committee: Please join us on Tues., July 19 at 5pm at Castaways for a “Together on Tuesday” get-together – please contact Cathy if attending. The August fellowship event will be Picnic on the Patio at Gregg’s house on August 23.

Drawing: Ron R. picked the raffle number drawn, but drew the 2 of Hearts from the deck – not the winner this time.

July Birthdays:

Ed H.	July 22
Ram R.	July 24
Norm H.	July 25

July Anniversaries:

Dick C.	38 years
Jerry D.	38 years
Joe L.	42 years
Bob L.	9 years
Mike R.	8 years
Doug L.	4 years
Nick P.	1 years
Heather B.	1 year
Kim F.	1 year
Beth F.	1 year

Happy Bucks:

Dave D. for good news – his medical condition is improving.

Julie H. for Mya Ramdev – friend of her daughter and for her son’s baseball team going to the regionals

Doug L. for WDH and his wife’s knee injections that dramatically improved her ability to walk

Ram R. \$5 for his granddaughter Mya, visiting at today’s meeting who was a Dover Interact student and went on the Guatemala trip and for the 1980s vote to allow women in Rotary – Jan Markey was our first woman president and since then we’ve had many. “We’ve come a long way!” he said. Indeed!

Ute L. for summer in New Hampshire – a beautiful place to live.

Frank C. for his nephew who was born with Cystic Fibrosis and only expected to live to age 18. He is now 55 years old, had had 2 lung transplants and has just received a new kidney. Amazing!

Malcolm M. & Jerry D. carried on a Zoom discussion about WDH and fines. Apparently Jerry has paid and Malcolm owes him. Good luck!