



July 19, 2023 – In-person & zoom Meeting, 12:15

Pres. Kathy welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover.

Program – Classifications: **Montana Foroughi** and **Steve Pappajohn**

Montana Foroughi



Montana was named after Joe Montana. She runs a screen printing and embroidery business with her mom, which they started in 2021. The business is in Holderness; Montana’s responsibilities enable her to work largely from home so she moved here to Dover. The business has been highly successful, having recently received a major contract with the state of NH.

Prior to a diagnosis of arthritis and Hodgkin’s lymphoma, Montana was a hair stylist. She described herself at that time as very overweight and living an unhealthy lifestyle. She now considers the onset of the cancer as forcing a positive change in her lifestyle.

In 2020, at age 24, she was re-diagnosed. That led to a year-long COVID lockdown, living with her dad and having stem cell transplants. She described the process which included her extracting stem cells, the medical team preparing new stem cells to replace them. By the time the process was completed, every cell in her body was new. Montana credits her mom’s positive outlook on life and her support during the illness with her own ability to stay positive in the face of such adversity.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

July 26: Paul Jenkins, SCC 5K - **Potluck Lunch!**

Aug. 2: Patti Frew Waters – Seacoast Family Promise

Events:

Aug. 22: Together on Tuesday- Gregg D. home – 5:30 pm

Pledge: Nick P.

4-Way Test: Beth F.

Guests: Brendan Madden and Michael Roscoe

Today’s newsletter authored by Jim V.

Montana's aspirations now include becoming a business leader, partly to change the male culture in business. She went back to college, had a 4.0 but quit anyway because she prefers hands-on learning. She describes herself as open to any counsel and advice people want to offer.

Questions followed her presentation:

Why Dover? She's always liked Dover and wanted to live her as it has more to offer than the more rural area of Holderness.

She has joined Rotary (her mom is also a Rotarian) "not with a plan" but rather to meet people that she expects to learn from. For fun, Montana works out, has many long-standing, close friends, meditates, hikes, and likes to shop, including online.

Steve Pappajohn



Steve has been a friend of Dover Rotary for many years and has spoken to us at various times about different programs in the city. He says he has always intended to join and finally is at a point in his career where he can. He is originally from the area – he lived in Somersworth until his family moved to Bedford when he was 5. He has a sister and brother who are twins, four years older than he.

Steve went to Keene State where he got a B.A. in (industrial security) but graduated to a tough job market so stayed to get his M.A. in curricular instruction. He got involved even more in student affairs and liked that very much. He worked six years at UNH in residential life as staff in the Dean of Students office then burned out, realizing it was overly demanding and underpaying at a time when we was getting ready to start a family. Several friends pointed out the job opening in the Dover Police Department where he was hired to lead Youth Services. He realized that his facilitation and counseling skills transferred well and he has been with the police department

for 17 years. He loves his work and knows that he and his colleagues are having a major impact on teens who need support.

Steve is married to Lisa, who works at UNH, and they have one daughter, Lilly, who is 15 and will be learning to drive under Steve's tutelage. The most recent addition to the family is a black lab puppy who joins their 2.5 year old chocolate lab.

Steve enjoys all things sports, golf, cards and games. He recently went on his first cruise – at age 51 – and loved it. His wants his skills to be an asset to Dover Rotary.

He was asked to describe the Diversion Program of Dover police. This is a program of the Community Response Division (CRD), whereby 1st time offenders, who can be better served by not going before a judge, are assessed and placed in an individualized program. It has been highly successful. The CRD has developed a form of this program for Dover Middle School kids who are suspended for some infraction. Often the kids are served by ACERT, the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team. Instead of having them out of school, a program is developed for them to build better ways. Again, it is highly successful. Steve noted that the Dover PD CRD has grown substantially over his years there and now includes multiple staff such as licensed social workers.

He said the Teen Center is returning to pre-COVID levels. Pre-COVID, there were about 130 registered and an average of 20-25 kids there every day. Now registration is about 85 and 20+ are coming daily.

Both talks were exceptionally well received.

Announcements:

Annual Budget – has not yet been finalized as there remain too many open questions surrounding BINGO, by far our major source of income.

BINGO Update

Opening for the Rochester site is still 2-3 weeks away. Agreements are being concluded with the four participating clubs: Dover, Rochester, Durham-Great Bay & South Berwick-Eliot. Dover will retain ownership of the license, hire the manager, and perform other administrative functions. Profits after Dover's costs are reimbursed will be divided equitably among the four clubs. The plan right now calls for each club sending four members each week.

Donations in Dick Clark's Name The Board has allocated matching funds of up to \$250/person for donations in Dick Clark's name to the Rotary Foundation.

Happy Bucks

- Ute L. – Dover 400 rain showers
- Nick P. – New members & GA vacation
- Jay S. – Chicago adventure
- Kevin Q. – Garden crew & new members
- Steve P. – Member partners, new puppy, club welcome
- Tom D. – Daughter success and grandtwins
- Gregg D. – Gardening & Jay's adventure
- Doug L. – Dog Jake care
- Kathy F. – Friend Amanda

50/50 drawing – Ram drew the Queen of Clubs : (

July Birthdays:

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

July Anniversaries:

Dick C. 39 years
Jerry D. 39 years
Doug L. 5 years
Nick P. 12 years
Heather B. 2 years
Kim F. 2 years
Beth F. 2 years