



July 6, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Megan Keil welcomed all to the first meeting of her Rotary president term!

Program: Megan Keil, President 2022-23

President Megan is very excited for the coming year. As a relatively new member of Rotary (two years), she’s been inspired by how much our own club and Rotary International are doing to support communities all around the world. Megan would like to build on the Kids’ Closet project which was started this past year at Dover schools. As someone who saw first-hand how the lack of food and other basic necessities can impact a child’s education, she’s proud of our RC for identifying this need and addressing it. She wants to hear from any and all members about other needs we can address in Dover.

Megan assured members that she is not here to “rock the boat” or re-invent the RC of Dover. We may have some slight issues but are by no means broken. She encourages taking a step back, after all we’ve been through the past couple of years and looking at the broader picture to see how we can be of service. This is what Megan takes RI President Jennifer Jones’s theme for this year, “Imagine Rotary”, to mean. The individual picture this theme paints for everyone can be different, yet the underlying principle is the same. Jennifer said, “Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.” She urges everyone to keep imagining Rotary and to share your ideas with her or with others in the club. No ideas are too big or too small!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meetings:

July 13: Speaker from NH Dept of Homeland Security

Together on Tuesdays – 5 pm

July 19: Castaways Deck on Cochecho Street

Aug. 23: Picnic on the Patio, Gregg D.’s home

Pledge: Jay S.

4-way test: (amended to be the 5 Way Test!) ---Melissa L. who added “Is it fun?” as the fifth tenet of the Rotarian code.

Guests: None

Today’s newsletter authored by Cathy B.

Megan also seeks to encourage fellowship: finding ways to incorporate this back into our meetings. She believes the fellowship we build with each other is what makes Rotary special. She wants “Is it fun?” to be considered in all we do. All of our time is valuable, and frankly, none of us have enough of it, so why should we spend it doing something we’re not enjoying. She looks forward to many fellowship opportunities this year and getting to know each member better. Please never hesitate to contact her with any issue, question, or concern. Megan stresses that she is still learning, so is happy to receive your advice. Megan stated, “I can confidently say that without the support of everyone in this room, I would not have the courage to stand up here in front of you, accepting this role. It’s because of all your encouragement, support, advice, patience, and empathy that I know I can handle this. I hope that I make you proud over the course of this next year, because I am very proud to be a part of this club.”

Questions and answers followed:

Gregg D. asked about Peace Corps talks for other Rotary Clubs? Yes, Megan will be speaking to 7 or 8 clubs over the next few months.

Betsy AP asked about the Rotary Convention? Sorry, Megan caught COVID and, regretfully, was unable to attend.

Cate R.: Any pet projects? Megan would like to focus on Kids’ Closet initiatives, perhaps partner with other organizations or RCs, and re-look at each of our current projects.

Jim M.: Formation of DEI Committee? Yes, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee coming soon.

Gregg D: New budget to members? Yes, soon. Membership needs to vote on it soon in order to spend any money.

Malcolm M.: Biggest challenge? New members, younger members, new ideas, new opportunities for learning (not knowing enough to even know what you don’t know!)

Noreen B.: Favorite Rotary moment? Her first Shred-it event, just after joining.

Gregg D.: There are two new Board members, Jay S. and Betsy A. Leaving the Board are Malcolm M. and Noreen B., with our thanks for long tenures of service.

Announcements:

Thank you note received from Megan Fitzgerald, recipient of the Rotary’s DeColfmacher Scholarship. Megan will attend UMass this fall, majoring in nursing. She will attend a Rotary meeting on her winter term break.

Golf Tournament: Gregg D. reported that 68 golfers played. Although rain was forecast, there were just a few sprinkles for one hole. Players won prizes, raffles, and enjoyed a buffet lunch at Cochecho Country Club. We were lucky to have five major sponsors but need to expand exposure next year in order to make more money.

Bingo: Jerry D. has turned the Bingo reins over to Ken P. 25 Boxes were sold. Starting next week, two members from the Durham Great Bay RC will join our Bingo crew weekly.

Foundation: Jim M. said his goal is to be a 100% Paul Harris Club. Urged members to join the \$2 Club (50 weeks X \$2.00 = \$100 donation to RI).

International Committee: Gregg D. reported things are starting in Mexico. Interviews are beginning with local families who have kidney disease in their family. The application for a Global Grant is going forward. Phil R. reported Harvey B. got our check in Mexico.

Noreen B. reported the gardens are lovely. She will organize a date next week to do some weeding.

Cochecho Arts Festival: We are a sponsor of the headliner series. Megan is speaking at the opening this Friday, July 8 at 6:45pm. She is looking for others to speak briefly about Rotary on the other nights of the concerts. She will send a Sign-Up Genius asking for volunteers.

Phil R. reminded everyone to pay their dues! Due date was July 1 and some are delinquent. RI has our membership list and is charging us for the names on that list, so please pay up!

Beth F. reported that Gary Bannon has had the gundalow painted, so we will not be needed on that project. And, Dover Main Street is re-thinking its cigarette-butt cans-replacement project, so Rotary will not be involved there this time. The Social Committee is asking everyone to join us on Tuesday, July 19 at 5pm at Castaways deck on Cochecho Street in Dover for a "Together on Tuesday" get-together. A flyer will be created and sent out to all. The August fellowship event will be Picnic on the Patio at Gregg's house on August 23.

Drawing: Our lucky new president, Megan K., had winning raffle number drawn, but her Jack of Clubs was not the pot winner.

Happy Bucks

Tom D. regaled us with his misadventures flying to Greece

Jay S. explained why his wife's Hawaiian flowers were the star bouquet at WDH this week and how it was a good thing she wasn't yet home from the hospital when a sewer backup invaded his home

Jim M. offered congrats to Megan, his thanks to Phil R., and his sad and unexpected return home in order to attend a family funeral

Cate R. offered thanks to past president Jim and congrats to new president Megan (she is "Team Megan") and told how she spent her 35th wedding anniversary in Utah

Dave D. donated to Jim, to Megan, and to his daughters and grandchildren

Malcolm M. wryly commented on all the health issues during Happy Bucks---signs of an aging membership, and reminded us that WDH is now MGB

Megan K. offered bucks for getting through her first meeting as President "with no boos" and for her recent 14-person family beach vacation in Ocean City, NJ