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## June 3, 2020 - Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

**Submitted by** Noreen B.

**Pledge:** Club

**Rotary Moment:** In light of recent unrest, Gregg D. referred to the following statement from Rotary International:

*At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.*

*We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people.*

*We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.*

*Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.*

**4-Way Test +1:** Club

**Guests:** Cara Swiechowicz, SOS Recovery Community Organization, June Pinkham from The Ukulele Kids Club and Amanda Martineau of the Monarch School

**Presentation:** Melissa presented a \$500 "big check" virtually to June Pinkham to support the Ukulele Kids Club, a national non-profit group that provides music therapy and instruments to hospitalized patients. Their Southern NH Chapter has performed for WDH patients and other hospital patients in the region, reducing blood pressure, anxiety and helping them to be more receptive to their treatments. The chapter meets every other week at the Rotary Arts Pavilion at Henry Law Park and is open to anyone, any age interested in joining.

**Program:** Monarch School - Amanda Martineau

The Monarch School offers “unlimited possibilities for students with special needs” according to speech pathologist Amanda Martineau who began her career at the Monarch School 13 years ago as an Intern, served as a clinician for 10 years and is now managing community outreach and grant writing.

Founded in the 1960s as a playgroup by parents, the day school provides integrated therapies and education for children 5-21 years of age who have failed in the public school system due to behavioral, emotional and/or physical disabilities. Sixty-three students come from 30 school districts in NH to Monarch where dedicated and skilled staff ask “what can students do?” and not “What can’t they do?” Amanda emphasized - “Every student has potential at Monarch.”

Each student has an Independent Education Plan (IEP) followed carefully by the Monarch team based on the services needed by the student. Services include high-level nursing care, speech pathology, occupational therapy, and vision specialists. Classes are small, 6-8 students, and follow the same curriculum as public schools with modifications focusing on life skills, community-based experiences and vocation preparation, as well as, music, art, social studies, reading and language.

The Monarch School receives the bulk of its funding from the School Districts it serves in NH. Special funding from community outreach efforts has helped develop additional programs such as their Horticultural Therapy Program. Amanda’s slide show highlighted the Rotary donation to the recently constructed garden that will provide hands-on education for students and a training for future employment in the horticulture field.

In addition to academics, the school offers adaptive recreation opportunities - skiing, swimming and cycling and participation in special olympics (unfortunately cancelled this year). Social opportunities include an annual prom, bowling club, and trips to NH Fisher Cat events. Civic partners provide more “unlimited possibilities” and career exploration as exemplified by training programs with local businesses such as Tri City Dodge Subaru, Dover Recreation Center and Frisbie Memorial Hospital.

The current need for remote learning has been challenging for the Monarch School. Amanda noted they are “doing the best we can” in a tough situation. She is concerned that only half of the students are continuing to engage. The school is working on a plan to return for the summer session in July.

What differentiates the Monarch School from public school? For kids that fail in the public school system Amanda said, "We offer kindness and respect and we recognize and celebrate their successes." For more information visit; [monarchschoolne.org](http://monarchschoolne.org).

### **Announcements:**

**BOD Zoom meeting**, June 16, 12:30 - 2 p.m., all welcome to join.

**Thirsty Tuesday**, June 16, 6 p.m. Frank and Noreen have offered to host in a social distancing event in their backyard at 183 Spur Road. Bring your favorite wine or scotch and snack plus a lawn chair.

**District Grant** Gregg D and Jim M. have submitted a district grant for \$3,500 to help fund the bike rack project for downtown Dover and Henry Law Park. Dover Rotary Club will provide \$1,000 for a total project cost of \$4,500.

**Dover Mental Health Alliance** launched its FB page on June 1st - check it out their Zoom FB live event of interviews with the steering committee.

**Bingo** - Jerry D. reported the state may allow Bingo to return in July with modifications. The Dover Bingo hall has removed half of the tables and will provide masks. Sheila will need to know how many volunteers will be returning to support the games. More information will be discussed at the BOD meeting.

**CAP food pick** up and delivery Rotary Project at Liberty has concluded. Ron R. noted another project will be discussed at the BOD meeting that could begin in July.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

June 10	Megan's Classification Talk
June 17	Scholarship Recipients
June 24	Melissa's last meeting
July 1	Gregg Dowty's first meeting
July 8	Mayor Bob Carrier and Dover's Anniversary Chair Elizabeth Burr

### **Birthdays: June**

Jim V.	June 1
Mike B.	June 15
Tracy T.	June 15

Kathy F.	June 24
Cindy I.	June 28
Matt S.	June 30

**Anniversaries: June**

Sheila T.	3 years
Mike F.	1 year
Tracy T.	1 year
Tom M.	36 years
Matt S.	14 years
Lori H.	2 years
Phil R.	36 years
Rebecca J.	4 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.