

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER, NH SINCE 1924 .MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15 PM GOSS BUILDING 121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH

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## June 10, 2020 - Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Gregg D. Pledge: Club Rotary Moment: Melissa 4-Way Test +1: Club Visiting Rotarians and Guests: Deanna Strand, Dover Adult Learning, Elizabeth Burr, Great Bay Services Community Giving Presentation: The Rotary Club of Dover presented \$500.00 to The Dover Adult Learning Center. Deanna Strand, Executive Director, thanked the club for the award and stated that the gift would help the center deliver on its mission to provide education to adult learners in the Dover Community. She appreciated the support the Rotary Club of Dover has provided over the years.

# **Program: Megan Keil Classification Talk**

Megan Keil, a new member of Dover Rotary this past year, presented her classification talk to the club. Megan is the new local Peace Corps recruiter for New Hampshire, Maine, and parts of Massachusetts. She discussed her personal experiences with the Peace Corps and its mission.

The Peace Corps was founded during the Kennedy Administration and has delivered on its mission over six decades to promote world peace and friendship through three goals: (1) to help people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women; (2) to help promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served; and (3) to help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

Currently, there are 7,300 Peace Corps volunteers from ages 20 to 88 serving around the globe. In total over 240,000 individuals have served in the Peace Corps including a number of Dover Rotarians. The Peace Corps and Rotary International have a Memorandum of Understanding on how they will work together as both organizations have similar goals. Rotary is committed to areas of focus which overlap the goals of the Peace Corps. Those include education, health, youth service, agriculture, community economic development and the environment.

Peace Corps volunteers normally provide two years of service during their tenure and each assignment will last three to twelve months. The two avenues of service are as a Peace Corps Volunteer and Peace Corps Response.

Megan spent her service in Tanzania, East Africa in 2015-2018. She worked in Ecotourism and served as an educator teaching biology. She shared memories with the club through a presentation of pictures and events in which she participated. Megan's experience was life changing and she decided to continue her service through her new position as a recruiter. Megan relayed to the club that she would be glad to meet with anyone interested in Peace Corps service and if anyone wanted to refer someone she would be glad to assist.

Megan's was grateful for her home in country that was larger than usual and included a small kitchen, bedroom, in and outside baths and a small backyard. She taught Form 3, Form 5 & Form 6, basic education as well as advanced level schooling. For many of the students, their focus was committed on learning. She extended her stay to become a trainer and focused her work on gender equality.

The culture and favorite food was Ugale or corn. Not sweet, more like what we know as cow corn in the United States. Currency there is shillings - 1000 shillings was the equivalent of \$.44 cents. Megan said the Tanzanians were very warm and welcoming and the dress was casual, yet colorful and specific to their culture. Overall, Megan loved the journey she has taken and loves the Peace Corps service.

## **Announcements:**

Thank you to all who helped Donna and Phil Rinaldi celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with a car parade this past Saturday. It was great fun and created a memory for Donna and Phil they will cherish.

Portland Sunrise will host Mike McFarlane, Chair of Polio Plus for Rotary International, as part of their *This is Your Rotary* speaker series tonight on Zoom. Mike is a proud member of District 7780.

On Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 am there will be another *Grow Rotary* Zoom meeting hosted by Marty Helman. This is an opportunity to share in best practices with other district 7780 Rotary clubs.

Our June Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16 from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm and all members are invited to attend.

Our next Thirsty Tuesday will be hosted by Frank and Noreen Biehl at their home on Spur Road in Dover beginning at 6:00 pm. Please bring your favorite beverage and snacks. Please join us as we practice social engagement at a safe distance.

#### Scholarships:

Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Norm H. announced the Dover Rotary Scholarships for 2020. Thanks go to Gary and Deb DeColfmacker for presenting the scholarships awarded this past Tuesday evening. The awards were presented to Sarah Craft, \$1000.00; Kylie Nelson-Marcus, \$1000.00; Joshua Keiman, \$1000.00 and The Megan DeColfmacker Scholarship, \$10,000 to Emily Fraser.

Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee for their work in determining these awards.

**The Dover Mental Health Alliance** has launched their Facebook page and several of our members have participated in Facebook live interviews regarding the work we have before us in creating mental health awareness in the Dover community.

### **Upcoming Programs:**

June 17	Scholarship Recipients
June 24	Melissa's last meeting
July 1	Gregg D.'s first meeting
July 8	Mayor Bob Carrier and Dover's Anniversary Chair Elizabeth Burr

#### **Birthdays: June**

June	1
June 15	
June 15	
June 24	
June 28	
June 30	
	June 15 June 24 June 28

#### 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

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- 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.