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Newsletter

Rotary Dover, NH

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

June 1, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

Welcome one and all to the greatest Rotary in the universe. We are all here to Serve to Change the World.

Thank You to **Frank B.** for picking up and delivering today's lunch. To **Melissa L.** for handling the technology today.

New Member Induction: Dave Keslar was inducted into the club by President Jim who reviewed the history of Dover Rotary and many of the worthwhile projects and community efforts made by the club over the years. Dave spoke of his desire to join the club after meeting many of our members at the Dover Chamber awards banquet. He has wanted to connect more closely to the Dover community and was impressed with the spirit of the club and what it does in the community. Welcome, Dave!

Program: Hannah Esser, Resource Development Manager at Brigid's House of Hope.

Hannah joined Brigid's House of Hope in early 2021 and has been working to expand sustainability for the programs. Her role at the organization consists of fundraising, volunteer management, grant-writing, development, and outreach work. Hannah is passionate about supporting vulnerable populations and raising awareness around the issue of human trafficking in NH.

Hannah reported that Brigid's House of Hope was formed in 2018 to provide services to human trafficking survivors. Additionally, it seeks to provide outreach and education to the greater community. Human trafficking is a crime involving the exploitation of humans including such things as forced labor,

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meetings:

June 8: Amanda Martineau
Monarch School

June 15: TBD

June 22: Changeover

June 29: No Meeting

Pledge: Ken P.

4-way test: Dave D.

Rotary Moment: President Jim remarked that June is PRIDE Month and encouraged members to check out Rotary's LGBTQ Facebook Page.

*Today's newsletter authored
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sexual exploitation, and forced servitude. Many believe it only affects women, involves transportation across borders and is only a global issue. Brigid's House of Hope works to debunk these rumors. It is a local as well as a global problem. There were a reported 50-90 events in NH last year. and the problem is growing annually.

Hannah discussed the gaps in services for human trafficking survivors with long-term housing and specialized services being the greatest need. Without safe housing, 80% of survivors end up back as human trafficking victims. Brigid's House of Hope received funds to support human trafficking survivors in 2016. By 2018 they had put together a Board of Directors and became a non-profit organization in 2019. They rented property to provide housing in 2020 and received a federal grant to support their efforts in 2021. They are currently fundraising to develop a long-term, restorative housing, and intensive care management program for a 12-18-month program by mid-June 2022.

Joke of the Week: In recognition of the upcoming golf tournament, Gregg D. told of the golfing prowess of one of our members.

Bingo: Jerry D. reported on the recent Bingo committee meeting and reported we hosted 65 players last week and sold 18 boxes. He noted the date for moving into the new space has been moved back one week and right now we are tentatively scheduled to be closed on Thurs., June 16. The committee also discussed the need for Rotarians to help with Bingo - to be trained in package sales, such as callers, ticket sellers, and backroom. Durham-Great Bay Club will be providing two ticket sellers, but with a larger space, we need more help. Bingo is our main source of fundraising and even with increased costs associated with our game, we will realize a significant profit, but we must have support from our members.

Garden Update: Everything looks good and we will keep members posted regarding the weeding schedule. Stop by the gardens to enjoy our contribution to downtown Dover.

Foundation: Gregg D. asked members to consider their contributions for the coming year noting the importance of the Foundation and that all funds are returned to the district to support district grants three years later. Our club has been very supportive in the past and we want to continue our efforts.

Scholarship Committee: Norm H. reported that the scholarship selections have been completed and are ready to be awarded at the Dover HS graduation.

Happy Bucks

Noreen B. for flexibility in providing a zoom meeting for the changeover and for new member Dave K.

Kathy F. for her family celebrating the birthdays of three nonagenarians.

Norm H. for getting volunteer assistance with yard work.

Melissa L. for completing the Mac Challenge in 57 minutes.

Ute L. for all the happy times missed with the club while she traveled in retirement.

Kathy B. for Kathy F. and an incredible job as a solo musician for *Once Upon A Mattress*.

Jim M. to welcome Dave K. to the club and for a few days on Prince Edward Island.

Golf Committee: Kathy F. reported that we need sponsors, golfers, and raffle prizes for the tournament which is only three weeks away. She asked all members to provide a suitable prize for our raffle and to bring it to the club meeting next week. She asked members to reach out to friends and associates they may know to sign up for golf or help sponsor a golf hole. The committee will meet after the club meeting to determine next steps.

Leadership Changeover Upon due consideration, the changeover meeting on June 22, 2022, will include a zoom option for those unable to attend.