



June 19, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy welcomed all to Dover Rotary.

Dues notice: Please pay this year's dues by July 1!!!

Check Presentations:

- \$500 for Dover Youth Softball in support of their All Star program – will help control costs so all kids who want to play can play.
- \$2000 for the Dover High School Computer Club to provide students with the skills training necessary to compete in STEM competitions.
- \$100 for End 68 Hours of Hunger (thank you letter)

Program: Classification – Roger Fagan: District Grant for Hearing Clinic in La Romana, Dominican Republic

Roger Fagan (Rotarian for 32 years) and his wife, a speech pathologist, began an international journey in 1992 to treat deaf children and adults in 3rd world cultures; they began in Valore, India and moved on to La Romana in the Dominican Republic.

Roger's videos of an 83-year old woman cheering and young children smiling when they heard their first sounds highlighted his presentation and quest for a District Grant to support a hearing clinic in La Romana.

He began his yearly trips carrying supplies in his own luggage and donating time to change lives forever. Working closely with the local Good Samaritan Hospital, he hopes to add an audiologic center with trained staff. He also hopes to encourage new audiologists to get involved in the project and work with hearing equipment manufacturers. The hearing aids currently in use are powered by solar batteries with a 4-year life. The District Grant request is for \$140,000 with a goal for District 7780 of \$51,000.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

June 25 (Tuesday): Club Changeover, Newicks 5-7 – **no meeting June 26**

July 10: District Visioning Trainer, Budget approval

Events:

June 22: Garden Weeding, 9 am

June 29: District Conference – Star Island, ferry leaves Portsmouth at 8:50 am. Please arrive by 8:15. Return trip leaves Star Island at 2:30 pm, arrives Portsmouth at 3:30 pm.

Pledge: Cindy I.

4-Way Test: Cate R.

Guests: Claudia Frost, PDG, Brunswick club, Roger Fagan and Patty Byers, PE Portland club.

Today's newsletter authored by Noreen B.

Questions:

Is this sustainable, how will the hospital/clinic cover costs? Families able to pay will pay for services.

Timeline? Sooner than later

Are their more deaf children in Dominican Republic than US? Yes – more children are untreated for viral infections due to costs of care

Do they do cochlear implants? No – more complicated process

Announcements:

Bingo: Ticket counters needed 1:30 – 8:20! 31 boxes sold last week

Changeover Dinner at Newick’s: Tuesday, June 25, 5pm. Please RSVP to Marion C. by Friday, June 21 (spouses/partners invited too). **(No meeting on Wednesday, June 26.)**

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BOD:

- **Lunch** – a sign-up system will be developed for members to choose lunch menu – “an organized potluck.”
- **IT/Tech Help** – looking for someone to train – contact Kathy F.
- **Budget** – a vote will be held on July 10 – information will be sent a week prior.

International Committee: meets next Monday via zoom. Contact Gregg D.

Adult Learning Scholarships: Awarded last week, gratefully received

Year in Rotary Slide Show: Kathy will send link

Rotary Gardens: Next weeding – Sat., June 22 at 9 am. Kevin Q. said cleanups will take place on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Happy Bucks:

Nancy B. for (1) today’s program, (2) Dave Barnes successful surgery

Gregg D. for (1) Dave B.’s successful surgery and (2) for Kathy’s “penultimate” meeting as President of the Dover Rotary Club

Dave B. for successful surgery to replace right hip 4 weeks ago – walking without a cane!

Cate R. for (1) lovely to see everyone, (2) recent trip to Paris “ooh la la” and (3) her 37th wedding anniversary. Congrats to you and Seth!

Kevin Q. for (1) garden and Noreen’s help (2) today’s excellent presentation and (3) glad Dave B. back to good health – Kevin encouraged all to get out and be active.

50/50 Drawing: Jim V. had the ticket but picked the wrong card for \$543 – pot grows!

June Birthdays:

Jim V. June 1
 Steve P. June 1
 Mike B. June 15
 Kathy F. June 24
 Cindy I. June 28

June Anniversaries:

Phil R. 40 years
 Rebecca J. 8 years
 Sheila T. 7 years
 Harry C. 3 years
 Steve P. 1 year