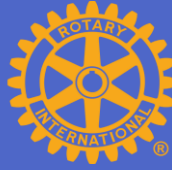


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Newsletter

Rotary Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

June 8, 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 **Doug L.** for picking up and delivering today's lunch. To **Melissa L.** for handling the technology today.

Program: Monarch School - Amanda Martineau

Amanda Martineau has been with the Monarch School of New England for 15 years. She served as the school's Speech-Language Pathologist for approximately 10 years. Today, Amanda's role as Director of Community Engagement encompasses everything from grant writing to community outreach.

For over 45 years, the Monarch School has provided unlimited opportunities for students with developmental disabilities in need of support and guidance in their elementary, high school and vocational classrooms at their Rochester location. Recognizing each student's potential allows them to grow and thrive in the Monarch School's unique learning environment. Students come for the alternative setting in meeting their goals. They use the IEP process and are provided transportation, tuition, and therapy - costs covered by the school district where the students come from.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meetings:

June 15: Is it Fun?

June 22: Changeover

June 29: No Meeting

Pledge: Bob R.

4-way test: Ute L.

Guests/visiting Rotarians:

Kim Hardy - Rotary Club of Rochester & Strafford County YMCA
Amanda Martineau - The Monarch School

Today's newsletter authored by Melissa L.

The school offers a daily academic setting with classrooms of a teacher and an assistant for each student, providing one-on-one education within the NH education framework modified for each student's needs until they are 21 years of age. During their time at the school, students receive a certificate of accomplishment or graduate from their program and receive their degree to prepare for a future community-based day program or adult job program.

The Monarch School offers occupational and physical therapy, visionary and nursing services, classes in math, science, social studies and other subjects similar to a typical classroom. They also have different opportunities, such as a horticulture program, hippotherapy (based on equine movement), and a farmers market featuring their own gardens. Amanda thanked the Rotary Club of Dover, NH, for a previous donation to help build their therapeutic gardens!

The Monarch team helps students develop life skills – grooming, managing money, clothing, and others - to prepare them for independent living and/or community employment after they leave the program. During COVID, they brought companies to the Monarch School (i.e. Albany International, Studley's Flowers) and helped to match students with their area of interest. They always want to make sure parents and students feel comfortable.

The Monarch School prides itself for its adaptive recreation embedded into the school day including adaptive ski at Gunstock, snowshoeing outside of the school grounds, and special Olympic skills development. They kept programs consistent throughout COVID by prioritizing the needs of the students and use of their time despite the difficulties of remote learning. Through the 2021-2022 year, they returned full-time in-person noticing how students were able to build meaningful friendships and better ways to deal with stress. Over the next year, the Monarch School is looking to bring back electives including an OT trained therapy dog and even kayaking.

This year the Monarch School will focus on health and the value of fitness by developing a "fitness & therapy equipment program". Their new campus will have fitness machines and a program to train students how to go up and down stairs, and navigate on and off the bus. They expect to break ground in August 2022.

Questions from our Rotarians and Guests:

Happy Bucks:

Phil R. - \$5 for 52 years married to Donna (he said he is a saint???)

Cindy I. - \$1 for Cate R., Gary D, Cathy B. for last week's chaotic Bingo – they sold a box to 10 players after opening at 4 p.m., the caller requested players be kind to sellers, and sold 18 boxes, between 4pm-7pm.

Betsey AP - \$10- \$9 for her daughter's graduation from Dover HS -scholarships (including Rotary's) and lots of awards, for Gary D. and Deb's Rotary scholarship presentation. Congrats to Megan Fitzgerald (Sean Fitzgerald's daughter) who also received a Rotary scholarship.

Malcolm M. - \$10 for Gerry D. & Malcolm M. donations over the years for WDH, now his time has come. He had a procedure and stayed at WDH for 4 days, proof the affiliation with Mass General brought specialized services to Dover where his family could be with him.

Jim V. - \$2 for the \$2,500 for Dover Democrats and forgot what the other dollar was for.

Ken P. - \$1 for hardworking ticket sellers.

Gregg D. - \$2 for DMHA wrap up for the year, their 1st Annual mini golf tournament - made \$5,000, and for his last PT therapy.

Ute L. - \$1 for her hike on Mount Major and it was beautiful.

Gary D. - \$21 for the honor of representing Rotary for the past 21 years, special evening at DHS award ceremony. They made it a point to recognize our Interact members. Thank you for the support over the years.

Jim M. - \$2 for all of the scholarships, well-deserved recipients for all of the things they have done, and because Malcom gave \$10!

1. How many students are currently at the Monarch School? 63 students (currently full with a waitlist)
2. How many school districts does the Monarch School serve? Over 30 NH school districts.
3. How does Funding come in? Comes in from the school district that the student comes from and from fundraising.
4. How do you include inclusion in getting the students back to their communities? Since their campus is located in Rochester, they reach out to the Greater Rochester Community partners, local youth groups, and other organizations that work with their families and care for adults with disabilities (i.e. CAP).
5. How does the Monarch School educate students? It's a team approach. If a family has an advocate, the Monarch School allows families to continue to work with their advocates and can send information and school work home.
6. How long is the waiting list and what happens to the students? The Monarch School can be a resource to the student's team in their current school until a spot opens (student graduates or transitions back to school).
7. Why are there not many other schools like the Monarch School? There are a number of private education programs that do service students (i.e. Spaulding Youth Center, Birchwood Center) and they share resources. There are not enough schools like this out there and Amanda hopes to see more in the future.
8. How much more is needed in your current campaign? They are still \$10,000-\$15,000 short. The work that remains is excavation & groundwork, custom builds, and purchase of fitness equipment.
9. How many of the students at the Monarch School are from the Dover area? Currently, there are 7 students from Dover school district and over the years about 100 students from Dover.

Joke of the Week - Doug L. – something about Phil & Donna, cats and dogs and an uber driver.

Announcements:

Bingo: Jerry D. We hosted 82 players, and sold 22 boxes. We posted a picture of the new space on Facebook. No BINGO this week and soon to open again in the new space.

Rotary Gardens: Noreen B. Growing well. Let's wait at least another week before weeding.

Foundation Minute: Gregg D. Rotary convention this week, updates with Polio and initiatives going forward, the Foundation Giving updates and Marion C. will recap the convention

BOD Meeting: Tues., June 21 from 12:30pm-2:00pm on Zoom and in-person Dover Chamber.

Golf Tournament: Kathy F.

We are only a few weeks out for our annual Golf Tournament on Monday, June 27 at Cochecho Country Club in Dover. Please bring in gift cards for the raffle. Let's reach out to local companies and see about sponsorships and golfers.

Correspondence:

Note from the Dover Public Library thanked Dover Rotary for the donation of \$650 for summer reading booklets.

Skate Park Update:

No date yet.

Fines: True or False - Where is the Paul Harris' 1st Rotary Club? Chicago. Where is this club headquarters? Evansville, IL

50/50 Drawing

Dave D. – Winner! Winner! Chicken Dinner! - \$90.00!!!