



Mar. 13, 2024 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

Pres. Kathy welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover and introduced Molly Shanahan of Pope Memorial Humane Society.

Special Performance: Jim Munro & his Penny Whistle

Dover Rotarian Jim Munro performed a variety of tunes on the Penny Whistle, also known in past years as a Tin Whistle. Jim’s first tune was an Irish tune written by William Butler Yates called “Down By The Salley Garden”, a great way to introduce the upcoming St. Patrick’s Day. His next tune was a Scottish Tune used in the series “Outlander” and written by Robert Louis Stevenson called the “The Skye Boat Song”. He followed that with the English tune “The Water Is Wide”. He closed the performance with an American tune written by Jay Unger called “Ashokan Farewell”. This music interlude was a great way to open our meeting and was appreciated by all. Well done Jim!

Program: Molly Shanahan, Development and Communications Manager, Pope Memorial Humane Society-Cochecho Valley.

Molly has been with Pope Memorial for three years starting as Development Assistant and recently moving into her new role. She is a Dover resident for the past eight years and she and her boyfriend have a rescue dog and a cat of their own at home. She also welcomes fosters from the shelter into her home. Molly informed us that Pope Memorial has been in existence for 40 years serving the Dover community and beyond.

The shelter partners with 14 communities throughout Strafford County, NH, and York County, ME. Over 20% of the animals they serve come from Dover. Recently Deb Anthony became the Executive Director of Pope Memorial and the organization is changing to meet changing needs. Pre-Covid about 50% of the animals received came from communities with 50% referred by pet owners. Now, 95% come directly from communities and they currently serve approximately 100 animals, 40 of which are dogs. In response to rising needs, the Humane Society provides no-cost food assistance for pet owners, microchip clinics, low-cost spay and neuter clinics, and assistance with veterinary care. Molly reported that there are many reasons people must give up their pets and the assumption that they no longer care

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Mar. 19: BOD Chamber 12:30-2

Mar. 20: Dover RESET

Mar. 27: Meeting at the Brunch Club

Events:

Mar. 19: Together on Tuesday, Cinco's Cantina, 6-8 pm

Pledge: Jim V.

4-Way Test: Noreen B.

Today's newsletter authored by Gregg D.

is far from the truth. In many cases, they are heartbroken and have no other recourse. The Humane Society runs a variety of programs supporting their mission. They have many volunteers who provide services such as spending one-on-one time with animals, foster care, day trips for pets, kid's camps, and reading programs for kids in which they read to the animals. They also host birthday parties for children with animal interaction.

Rotarians asked questions regarding the types of animals served, breeds they most often have referred to for help, the fundraising activities they hold throughout the year, and upcoming events. They will hold a gala in May to celebrate 40 years and they plan a ribbon cutting for their new dog pavilion. Molly distributed an info sheet detailing the impressive accomplishments of the organization for the past year.

Announcements:

Together on Tuesday will be held March 19th at Cinco Cantina, formerly Cinco De Mayo in Dover. All are invited to join the fun.

Bingo hosted 98 players last week and we sold 19 boxes. Sheila is on vacation this week and our team will manage the operation. We still need ticket sellers for tomorrow night.

March 27th meeting will be held at The Brunch Club on Orchard St. in Dover. Kathy is arranging a menu and Zoom capabilities.

The Board of Directors meets next Tues. at The Chamber of Commerce Office and all are invited.

A Meal Packaging Activity will be held at St Thomas Church on May 4th. We will be working with church members to package 10,000 pre-packaged meals which will then be available for distribution throughout Strafford County.

Happy Bucks:

Noreen B. is happy to announce she and Frank have found a new home in North Berwick at 17 Cabbage Hill Lane. They plan to move in by May 1st.

Cate R. is happy for Jim M.'s wonderful performance and for yesterday's election.

Jim V. is happy to have visited Belgium and The Netherlands and to connect with relatives with whom he was able to develop closer relationships.

Harry C. is happy to have attended Northeast PETS and returned with many good ideas for the upcoming year. Raise the Blood Pressure!

Doug L. is happy for Pope Memorial presentation and for Frank and Noreen.

Kathy F. is happy for Jim M's performance and for Pope Memorial.

50/50 Raffle: Kathy F. drew the chance for \$260 but had no luck of the Irish.

March Birthdays:

Bob R. Mar. 5
Mike D. Mar. 6
Naila A. Mar. 14
Jim M. Mar. 26

March Anniversaries:

Gary D. 23 years
Mike B. 19 years
Ron R. 14 years
Ute L. 13 years
Jim V. 13 years
Gregg D. 8 years
Megan K. 4 years