



Mar. 15, 2023 – Zoom Meeting, 12:15

President-elect Kathy F. led the meeting today and welcomed all to the greatest Rotary Club!

Thanks to Harry C. for picking up lunch and Noreen B. for Crème de Menthe brownies and **Frank C.** for an Irish joke about a man, his wife, her first husband and a cemetery.

Scholarship winner Katrina Breen

Katrina offered continued thanks for being the recipient of the Megan DeColfmacker Scholarship. She is currently a sophomore at the Rochester Institute of Technology’s Physician Assistant Program carrying 20 credits this semester with a minor in business and communication. She also accepted a role as a videographer and is pursuing a combination career focused on advocacy and global health. She has been accepted at the Florence University of Arts in Florence, Italy, this summer, where she hopes to gain more skills and find ways to use her passion to shed light on projects that need it.

Gary D. said he was happy to hear of Katrina’s success and visit to Florence. He suggested she visit a friend and former exchange student now living in Florence.

Gregg D. also suggested she pursue other Rotary International scholarship opportunities. Katrina is looking for any kind of support for her trip and can be reached at katrinambreen@gmail.com.

Program: Northeast President-Elect Training Seminar (NEPETS)

President-elect Kathy F. noted over 400 Rotarians from six northeast districts attended the training event last week at the Marriot in Newton. During the weekend she attended small workshops and large presentations with the opportunity to sit at different tables and meet Rotarians from several states including Quebec. The RI President-elect R. Gordon McNally, Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland was one of the keynote speakers. “We were all trying to do good in the world and

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Mar. 22: Business meeting and mini-classifications

Mar. 29: No noon meeting. We will meet in Portsmouth for a “Black Heritage Trail” walk at 4:30.

Visiting Rotarian: Peter W.

Guests: Katrina Breen, Scholarship winner and Dave (referred by Joe Lynch)

Pledge: Melissa L.

4-Way Test: Jonathan N.

Today’s newsletter authored by Noreen B.

good in our community,” Kathy said. Mike McGovern spoke about the challenges and solutions clubs are implementing – meeting time changes, satellite clubs and social gatherings. Rotary is also focused on social media and a more modern approach to communication.

Asst. Gov. Melissa L. mentioned two impactful speakers. Dave Kessler, 42 and father of 5, discussed Rotary and Life Balance and how he has included his family in Rotary events. Alex Montoya, talked about overcoming challenges as a man with one leg, and no arms. He spoke about a summer camp that once rejected him and then he went to RYLA camp and was welcomed, embraced and accepted.

Asst. Gov. Gregg D. was pleased to see the large turnout at this year’s PETS since COVID shutdowns and the powerful speakers focused on a message of Hope. Mike M. spoke on his hope to end polio. Gregg also noted how fortunate our club is to have Marion C. as a member who will become District 7780 Governor in July this year. “She’s going to do a great job!”

Announcements:

Gundalow event: Beth F. announced that the Gundalow will be reserved for Dover Rotarians on June 24th departing Dover at 6:30PM. There is room for 40 people and Rotarians must sign up for the voyage. Dessert will be served. BYOB. George Maglaras will give his River talk. Cost estimate \$50, more info to come. Sign up by April 10. More info to come.

Don’t Trash Dover Day is scheduled for April 22 and this will be a community service opportunity for Rotarians and interact.

The tour of the Black History Trail in Portsmouth is scheduled for Weds., March 29th at 4:30 PM. ***This event will take the place of our luncheon meeting on that date.***

Bingo Report: We hosted 150 players last week and sold 32 boxes of tickets. Please sign up on the sign-up genius site.

Student of the Month: Gregg D. said a March presentation will be announced soon.

Durham GB Rotary Club Summerfest: The club is hosting this first annual event on June 17 at the UNH. More info to come – hoping for a good turnout from our club to support their fundraiser.

Milk & Egg Committee: Cate R. said the group will be meeting in the next two weeks to discuss budget and another distribution group.

Happy Bucks:

Kathy F. was happy to have been part of PETS.

Gregg D. happy for PETS and the club’s guests.

Cate R. for a weekend in Charleston, SC.

Nick P. for amazing trip to Italy

Jonathan N. for an upcoming “Dover 400 Day at the Woodman Museum” on April 22, 10 am – 4 pm. Free admission with proof of Dover Residency.

560/50 Drawing: No winner, \$236 – pot grows!

March Birthdays:

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

March Anniversaries:

Gregg D. 7 years
Ron R. 13 years
Megan K. 3 years
Gary D. 22 years
Jim V. 12 years
Mike B. 18 years