



## Mar. 22, 2023 – Zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Meg K. welcomed all to the greatest Rotary Club!

**Thanks** to **Harry C.** for picking up lunch, Noreen B. for dessert and Kathy F. for running the last few meetings.

### Program: Mini Classification – Jerry Daley

With only a note card for key references, Jerry took Rotarians on an amazing tour of his 84 years in just over 10 minutes. Born in Hartford, CT, in 1938, Jerry lived in Forest Hills (part of Bristol CT) until enrolled in the seminary in Bloomfield. Ordained a priest in 1964, he served as a chaplain at St. Raphael's Hospital where he experienced the daily drama of life and death. After 4 1/2 years, the bishop asked him to continue his education to serve as a school principal. He received his post-masters education at the University of Hartford and became the principal of St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. in Bristol, CT. He discovered a life of celibacy was not for him and he moved on to a new job as principal of the Oyster River HS in Durham, NH.

Oyster River was the only high school in NH at the time to have a computer. "It was a big deal, he said. "We also had a planetarium." Kathy F. was one of Jerry's students and, fortunately, not one of a small group of students who broke into the planetarium one night and found smoking pot. Jerry suspended them all despite one parent's overreaction at the punishment. While there, he attended Vanderbilt to earn a doctorate in Education and Administration.

Jerry's next role was as Superintendent of Dover Schools, serving 16 years. He loved the work and is most proud of his role in bringing public kindergarten to Dover with the support of Governor Jeanne Shaheen and most of the school board. He retired in 1999 as superintendent but continued to teach -- first at UNH in the Education Department followed by three years at Antioch New England working with post graduate students. On day, a student asked Jerry for help with a startup business -- a toy store. He, of course, was glad to help and asked her to bring in her plan for the new business; turned out to be a toy store for adults! His education continued. The business opened in Portland, Maine. A few Rotarians asked our very own Mainer, Gregg D., if he knew where it was. He denied any knowledge.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Meetings:

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

### Events:

**Mar. 30:** Student of the Month at DMS, 12:45 pm

**Apr. 22:** Don't Trash Dover

**June 24:** Gundalow Trip

**Visiting Rotarian:** Peter W.

**Guests:** David Barnes

**Pledge:** Gregg D.

**4-Way Test:** Cathy B.

*Today's newsletter authored by Noreen B.*

Jerry went on to volunteer for the NH Judicial Council and the Professional Conduct Committee that served, like a jury, to review lawyers who may have been “shaky with their client’s money.” Malcolm M. announced he had never been reviewed while Cate R. raised a few concerns her nemesis Tom D. who was not at the meeting to defend himself.

Jerry’s next stop was the board at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital where he noted his wife Trish was the hospital’s first Nurse Anesthetist in 1977. Jerry volunteered on the WDH board for 17 years followed by 6 years as a Director – ending last year.

A BIG change occurred during his tenure - the merger with Mass General Brigham. While Jerry was and continues to be in favor of the change, he also recognizes the loss of Dover home rule. However, as a patient and community member, he noted there are major advantages being part of one of the best health systems in the country/world.

Jerry and Trish are doing well, caring for their 4<sup>th</sup> Golden Retriever ( a 5 yr. old rescue), and hoping to live happily ever after.

### **Announcements:**

**Willard Warming Center** is looking for meal donations. Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/xaWRjPB> (goes until end of March)

#### **Portsmouth's Black Heritage Trail Tour - March 29.**

Sign up [here](#) so they will have a count as to who is coming. Feel free to bring a guest.

Additional details: Arrive at 4:15 pm at 222 Court Street, Portsmouth, NH - Tour leaves at 4:30.

Parking: Metered parking in the parking garage(s) on the street, or you may be able to snag a free spot at the Cabot Street Municipal lot. Following the tour, if you desire, plan to join the group for a Dutch Treat sandwich or light dinner at one of Portsmouth’s restaurants. Hope you can join us!

Questions? Contact Beth Fischer at 603-817-1843 [fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com](mailto:fischerelizabeth17@gmail.com)

**South Berwick/Eliot Rotary club is doing a dance party fundraiser - March 31** from 6pm-10pm at the Regatta in the Eliot Commons. All proceeds go to Camp Kita, which is a summer camp for children who have lost a loved one to suicide. There will be live music, live and silent auctions, apps, and a cash bar. Tickets are \$20, available at the door. Children under 17 free.

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

**NH State House visit with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class – May 8**– if interested in joining, students the bus leaves FGH at 8:30, arrives around 9:30. Then, they split the students into 2 groups. One group will tour the state house and the other the NH Museum (across the street). Then, they will switch. The tour times are 9:45 and 11 a.m. If you would like to join - here's the fingerprinting info, per the district's requirements: <https://hss.dover.k12.nh.us/apps/news/article/944900>.

**Gundalow event- June 24:** The Gundalow will be reserved for Dover Rotarians on June 24 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 \$25, more info to come. Sign up by June 10. More info to come.

### Committee Reports

**Bingo** report: Last week 145 players and 31 boxes! The position-based sign-up link is now live:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AEAF22AAF5C61-march1>

So far in March we have sold 99 boxes of tickets -2 weeks to go!

**Scholarships:** Norm H. reported applications are at the schools. He will scheduled a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> of May for committee members and anyone interested in joining. More to come.

**Student of the Month:** Gregg D. reported the March Student of the Month will be announced on **March 30** at the Middle School, 12:45 pm. All welcome to attend.

**RYLA:** Phil R. reported the application process has been extended to April. Open to sophomore students – the 4 day camp is free. We currently have only one of 10 possible applications to be funded by our club. Get the word out if you know any sophomores!

**Foundation:** Jim M. reminded members the club will match Foundation donations up to \$250. Gregg D. noted money is available for district grants.

### Happy Bucks:

**Norm H.** for his visit to St. John with his family – he shaved his beard for the trip in the sun – may grow it back again.

**Jay S.** for Jerry who was also born in Hartford Hospital and ended up in Dover

**Gregg D.** for potential new member, Dave Barnes, and for Jerry D. and grateful for WD move to MGB

**Kathy F.** for great weekend in NYC

**50/50 Drawing:** No winner, \$257 – 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