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The Newsletter of the

Rotary Club of Dover, NH since 1924

Zoom Meetings: Wednesdays at 12:00 pm

## March 24, 2021 - Zoom Meeting

**Program:** We welcomed fellow Rotarians, as they spoke about “World Health and Water Sanitation” and how their participation in the Peace Corps has been a huge part of their involvement and partnership with Rotary.

### Megan K:

Meg told us her story and how she learned, after joining Rotary, how Rotary relates to her journey in the Peace Corps. During her time in the Peace Corps, Meg served in Tanzania. She had previously shared her story during her Rotary Classification. She had focused on three goals. As she journeyed, she thought it was about separate books and, yet, it was about separating chapters in the same book. She learned about the six sectors that Peace Corps associated with and led through partnership. Most Peace Corps volunteers are part of a 27-month program and during that time, she found she was able to get to know about the community she served and then responded to what they needed. Of those who serve now, they find it is a professional and leadership experience. The average age is 46 years. She spoke highly of her experience and knows that it has changed her life by learning through others.

### Jim V:

Jim shared his Peace Corps journey and described it as a Cadillac assignment. He had the opportunity to live in a house, which is not common. What has it been like since he was in the Peace Corps? He is currently in direct touch with 25 of those that he journeyed with. They now meet on Sundays at 3pm via Zoom. Of the 25, there is typically 8-15 people and they love keeping in touch! The Peace Corps was the most formative experience in his life. He learned how to reach out to others, it broadened his

### Upcoming meetings:

**Mar. 31:** Jill Houser speaking about vocational training

**Pledge:** All

**Moment of Silence** - Tragedy for those who lost lives in Colorado

**4 Way Test + 1:** All

**Guest:** Carlo Nittoli of Jim V.

**Rotary Moment:** Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI). President Gregg, said the focus points of this coming year will be DEI. As we look ahead to new year and wrapping up this year, we need to ask ourselves how do we become diverse, promote equity and be inclusive?

*Today's newsletter submitted by  
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horizons, and he is now fluent in French. Jim's focus now is immigrant justice and helping others through his church. "There can be no illegal people in a world that has been stolen." He shared his International experience. The first year was all about training and learning to live the culture of the community. They were there to run a service. He said the Peace Corps changes people's lives.

**Tom D:**

Tom shared how much different the Peace Corps was when he joined in 1960. He was supposed to serve in Afghanistan and asked, "Can I go to Nigeria? They said, yes, and he then married his wife." It was 1964 and he was one of the first agricultural groups to be trained as they were all teachers. Tom learned the Ebo language and then the pigeon language, which was the most common language. He was there for three years building bridges. There were two seasons, wet and dry, where it rained every day or not at all. They lived in a small town and were able to get earth moving equipment and move a pond. They then built a sand filter so people could come and get fresh water. No one followed time or used a watch and, he said, it didn't make any difference. Tom said he would often look up at the sun and take a guess. As they worked, they would organize young men into work groups to build the roads and culverts. There was no technical training but had enough to figure it out. At one time, he had 26 projects going on at the same time. Tom had a motorcycle and would be gone for three or four days. It was an incredible experience. He didn't remember seeing a lot of white people. He said white men were said to have authority and, yet, if you were young it didn't matter. There was not much access to a market, but he couldn't put much on a motorcycle. He would shop the food markets and because of color of his skin, the cost was doubled. One last thing - beer was much safer to brush teeth than the water.

**Betsey A-P:**

Betsey wanted to be a beekeeper. Since her background was health management, she didn't end up getting into the field that she wanted. Her journey started with a group of 24 who went into the Peace Corps and only 3 stayed. When she returned home, she went to graduate school where she learned how to do pre-natal visits for women. Her focus was Epidemiology in Guiana. This is where she also learned about Diversity. She knew that she was a minority in the community when in the Peace Corps and she received many marriage proposals. It was an eye-opener. The work on International projects with Third World countries is where Rotary and the Peace Corps connected. She wants to do a future

**Happy Bucks:**

**Gregg D:** \$4.00 for our 4 Rotarians that shared their Peace Corp stories.

**Cate R:** \$2.00 for attending 2 other Rotary Clubs and us being the Best Rotary Club in the Universe.

**Betsey A-P:** \$5.00 for 5 trips to WDH as they finally diagnosed her daughter with severe mono.

**Malcolm M:** \$1.00 for WDH

**Doug L:** \$1.00 for seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

**Birthdays: March**

Bob R.	Mar. 5
Laurie W.	Mar. 11
Naila A.	Mar. 14
Jim M.	Mar. 26

**Anniversaries: March**

Gregg D.	5 years
Ron R.	11 years
Megan K.	1 year
Ute L.	10 years
Gary D.	20 years
Jim V.	10 years

Polio Trip when we can travel again. She's grateful for the opportunity to have served in the Peace Corps as it helped her to do what she does now - helping others in our community.

## Announcements:

**Foundation Minute:** "Serve to change Lives" is the new Rotary Theme for the Rotary year 2021-2022 and continuing and learning to serve in our communities and around the world.

**President Elect Report:** President Elect, Jim M., talked about DEI – take away from the 2021 NEPETS. He said, now that we know better, we can do better. He reminded us that no matter what you are able to give to the Foundation, it counts and is appreciated. You do not have to be a rich person, you need to be one that gives back and wants to change lives. Remember the 4-way test and that everyone is welcome at the Rotary table.

**New Member:** Rob Riley – Induction will be in the next few weeks via Zoom

**International Committee Meeting:** Thurs., Mar. 25, 2021

**BINGO:** Reminder - 1<sup>st</sup> night for Bingo will be Thurs., Apr. 1 (schedule being put together by Sheila)

**Golf** – Registration is open for golfers and sponsors. Everything will be done electronically. We need help getting golfers to register – individually or as a team, reaching out for sponsorships, set up, check-in, hole coverage, prize give aways. (Committee Chairs - Kathy F & Matt S)

**Rotary Million Mask Challenge:** – Earlier in the week, AG – Malcolm M, picked up 8,000 adult and 2,000 masks that our Club will be delivering throughout the community.

1. Woodman Park School – Drop off of 1,000 adult and 500 children masks (Jackie Hansen)
2. Goodwin Health Center – Gary D. will be dropping off 1,000 adult masks
3. Dover Adult Learning Center – Drop off of 500 adult masks to McConnell Center (Amy Stevens)
4. City of Dover – Drop off of 3,000 adult masks at North End Fire Station
5. St. Mary Academy – Drop off of 500 adult and 200 children masks (reception desk)
6. Dover School District – Drop off of 2,000 adult and remaining children masks at McConnell.
7. Wentworth Home – Melissa L. will be dropping off of 1,000 KN95's

## Upcoming Activities & Service Projects:

1. **Food Drive:** Marion C. & Ron R. are planning another Food Drive to be held on **May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm at Tucker's parking lot.** More to come.
2. **Reconnecting:** Many have asked when we are looking to get back together. This will be discussed at the April BOD meeting.

### ROTARY'S 4-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?