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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER, NH SINCE
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MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15 PM
GOSS BUILDING 121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH

Mar. 27, 2019

Submitted by Kathy L.

Greeter: Nancy B.

Pledge: Lori H.

Invocation: Jerry D.

4-Way Test: Melissa L.

Guests:

Susan Ford, Russian Journalist; Marina Igumnova, Sofya Mokhova, Yevgeniy Rozhkov, Yuliya Kucherenko, Svetlana Devyanina, Ludmila "Lucy" Annable, Gary Cilley

50/50 Raffle: Phil R. did not choose the winning card

Announcements:

- Thank you to Phil for his extraordinary leadership in leading the meeting last week
- The Teen Center dedication of the Dover Rotary Club Great Room was held on Monday, Mar. 25 at 3:30pm
 - o Thank you to those that attended, it was great to see the kids in the center (Malcolm, Doug, Phil, Kevin, Terry, Noreen)
 - o Feedback: looks great, great program, outlet, guidance and happy the police chief was there. 68 Hours program does a donation to help feed the kids and there is a back room where they can get food to take home
- Interact Conference update from Kevin, at Oxford ME 60-65 students attended
 - o Breakout sessions went well
 - o Oxford Rotary did a great job
 - o Keynote speaker discussed polio, 9-12th graders had an eye-opening experience
 - o 2 Dover students attended
- 95th Anniversary celebration in the works
 - o If anyone wants to recommend a community member for the Paul Harris Fellow, please send this to Noreen or Tony
- Foundation – no new update this week
- Bingo – 15 boxes, 99 attendees and the auditor was onsite for a large part of the evening

- Golf Tourney – Ken sent update out, need everyone to seek sponsors and people to play, if each Rotary member gets a donation it will ease the work
- April 4th @ 11am, Noreen & Melissa will attend an event at the Children's Library, Head of Family Place Libraries will be there. Contact Noreen if you plan to join
- June 22nd District Rotary Fest at the park in Cape Elizabeth, see your email for details, it is also a clean-up day
- Gardening – Jess is still leading
 - o May 11th is cleanup
 - o May 18th is planting
- Thirsty Tuesday was a success – thank you Melissa for organizing, 16 attended and a fun time was had by all. Next month will be at Cara's – date TBD
- District Assembly – 4/6 signup (Kevin, Noreen, Melissa, Phil, Marion & Jim attending)
- **Birthdays**
 - o Jim Monroe 3/26/19 (Might be a special #)
 - o Rod Bryce
 - o Peter Widmark
- **Anniversaries**
 - o Jay Comstock 5 years
 - o Kellie Fliers 1 year
 - o Kevin Raymond 8 years
- **Fines:** Greg's fine question: "When was Bingo invented?", answer Roaring 20's

Program - Russian Journalist Panel Discussion

Jim introduced the panel of visiting journalist and their interpreter, there were 6 guests. (Bios are included below).

The Friendship Force Club of NH Seacoast is 1 of 350 Clubs set on building international friendships. In collaboration with the Open World exchange program, the Friendship Force and members of Congress have engaged with groups of current and future leaders from the Soviet Union. The club houses members of the exchange in their homes. Jim has done this four times and Gary Cilley put the program together. An interpreter was on hand to assist in the panel discussion.

Gary enjoys helping people like Jim to organize and spend time with young professionals in their home. It's a terrific experience that began last Sunday morning watching TV shows (UNH Professor said that wasn't a great idea from a political stand point). They completed a tour and were introduced to the region including the Black Heritage Trail in Portsmouth. They met with Seacoast Media Group, Union Leader, Portsmouth Herald and a local blogger, radio, TV and print journalist.

Yevgeniy Rozhkov

“Good afternoon, thank you for the invitation and the delicious lunch.” He doesn’t like to talk about himself. He is a 32-year-old journalist from Moscow. His family ancestors were peasants, farmers and his parents worked on the railways - he took a different path. He doesn’t regret his career choice. It is his first time in the US. Compared USA to Russia, he has some negative and some positive impressions.

Yuliya Kucherenko

“Thank you for the warm welcome”. She was born, raised and lives in Karelia, which is not far from St. Petersburg and close to Finland. There is no ocean where she lives, but it is still very beautiful. She works as a TV Journalist for a medium-size company.

Her work / job is very often a discussion in her family. Her mom says it doesn’t pay well and her kids say they don’t see her very much. Working in a region doesn’t pay as well as working in larger areas. She is convinced that journalism can make a difference and that is why she will stay with the profession

Marina Igumnova

“When holding the microphone, I think I am supposed to sing.”

She is 28 years old and lives close to Mongolia and to demonstrate the distance... she traveled six hours by plane to meet her fellow journalists in Moscow to travel to the USA. Marina came to the US to try to break up stereotypes about our countries.

“Maybe it sounds strange, but NH reminds me of Siberia, cold, snow, sunshine and warm people. Thank you for the warm welcome and the opportunity.”

Sofya Mokhova

Born in Siberia, Sofya went to St. Petersburg for her degree, she covers politics in a city of 5 million people. Due to understaffing, she also writes about soccer. Soccer is the most popular sport. She has been to the US before but never to New England. She agreed it feels close to Siberian weather.

“We know about American culture,” she said, “and we are very much the same, we listen to the same music and share other similarities.”

Q&A

Gregg: Investigative journalist - is there a similar role? Yes, very huge. About government investigations without consequences. At the same time, all Russian investigators think there will be charges and it should work in US too.

Malcolm: We think there is no freedom of press in Russia, how far can you go? It depends on the area or who you work for and the topic. Russia does have freedom of speech but it is limited. Russia has propaganda channels like US.

Noreen: Can you criticize your President? Yes, but you cannot accuse. Can’t say Putin is a thief, must have proof.

Kathy: To Yevgeniy, you said there were some pros and cons, can you share some details?

- We all seem to compare ourselves to each other, all views don't have to be the same
- Americans are afraid / against Socialism, but it seems that things like Rotary are in contradiction as we are all helping each other
- Likes how we raise our children, he will do the same when he has kids
 - In Russia, parents tell kids what to do, here they have more freedom
- Disappointed in the limited world outlook that Americans have – seems like there is a lack of awareness outside US
 - People ask about the Cold War and still think that Georgia is part of Russia
- Sees a lot of discussion / things boiling down to money which is not the same as his values – blamed on capitalism which is pronounced in US. Russia moving towards the same.

Kevin: What have your biggest surprises been?

- Yuliya; 1st time in the US and the surprise was there was so much, everything in common with the host mom on so many fronts, kids, pets...
- Marina; nothing surprised her which was the big surprise
- Yevgeniy; everyone is so down to earth, and he is really impressed with the way we build things, so they last forever

The following delegate bios were provided by Gary Cilley

Marina Igumnova: Chief Editor of Arigus Online and Traditsya (republican newspaper) ArigUs TV Company. Arigus is an independent media holding in the Republic of Buryatia (eastern Siberia) which includes two TV channels, two radio stations, one weekly newspaper and online media. Arigus addresses the questions that other local media ignore. Marina advocates for the rights of all people and works to protect her staff when the truth of their reporting is “unpleasant” to local magistrates.

Marina is participating in Open World to learn how editors in America balance their myriad responsibilities, “resources, personnel management, planning, work distribution, work with journalists in the editorial office, story selection, content distribution and its monetization.” Marina’s experience includes work at three newspapers, and in a media site bound with a TV company. As a reporter, Marina’s work focused primarily on politics, law and “various investigations.”

Sofya Mokhova: Reporter for Rosbalt News Agency (St. Petersburg), a private, federal agency that reports on Russian and global social and political news. Sofya, who is among the pool of reporters admitted to the parliament, covers news stories at the city and federal levels. Her reporting includes the “election fraud” of the presidential level and the hundreds of protests by thousands of activists opposed to the current

Russian regime. Her articles have also included a report on the *Internet Research Agency*, aka “Glavset” and “the Troll Factory”, which engaged in online influence operations on behalf of Russian business and political interests.

Sofya is participating in Open World in hopes of becoming a better political reporter for the upcoming elections in St Petersburg. She wishes to learn how American journalists maintain balance in reporting about “political systems, legislative proceedings, anti-corruption measures, ...fighting election fraud, and strengthening democracy”. She is currently investigating a local deputy who appears to be engaged in a shadow business under cover of his political party.

Yevgeniy Rozhkov: Journalist for two independent “oppositional” newspapers in Moscow. Reporting focuses on “city issues” rarely covered by official city media, such as illegal construction, and mistreatment of locals by those with power. Yevgeniy’s reporting includes information to facilitate solutions to these issues and educate the citizenry about the rights they have. His are the only newspapers in Moscow that provide residents information on how to address problems that occur in their communities, eg, housing, legal issues, etc.

Yevgeniy is participating in Open World in hopes of learning how American journalists help their communities solve problems and “stand up to big business and officials.” He also hopes to learn how American journalists get information from public officials and how this information is distributed most effectively. Interested in successful fund raising strategies.

Yuliya Kucherenko: Editor for Sampo 360 degree Television Company in Petrozavodsk, the capitol of the Republic of Karelia (NW Russia, on the border with Finland). Sampo 360 broadcasts 24/7 and prepares its own socially oriented news programs. Their programming focuses on politics, economics, health care, education, and social justice. Yuliya is a writer and focuses on legislative and judicial issues. Yuliya is participating in Open World to learn more about American democracy, understand how it works, and try to apply those lessons to her community so the local population can interact more effectively with their civic leaders. Yuliya is particularly interested in interacting with Americans of many types so she can form her own opinion, outside of the influence of state sanctioned Russian media.

Facilitator:

Svetlana Devyanina: Teacher at Pioneer Palace, Kursk (on Ukrainian border about 330mi south of Moscow). This will be Svetlana’s third time facilitating an Open World program.

Interpreter:

Ludmila “Lucy” Annable: Also has experience as Court Interpreter, Medical Interpreter and INS Interpreter. Has provided interpretive services for Departments of State, Justice, Defense, Energy, Commerce and Agriculture, as well as USAid and many large organizations.

Birthdays:

Rod B. Apr 03

Peter W. Apr 03

Jay S. Apr 04

Anniversaries:

Ken P. 11 years

Upcoming Programs:

April 3 Lynn Robbins Classification and Portsmouth Regional Hospital's new Dover Emergency Center

April 10 TBA

April 17 Dr. Chris Girdis, Wellspring Somota Respiratory Integration

April 24 Inna Alex Lehman, The positive impact exchange programs have in our community

May 1 Bill Harbron, Superintendent Dover Schools

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?

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES**Monday:**

Exeter	Exeter Inn	12:15 PM
Rochester	Governor's Inn	12:15 PM
Wells, ME	The Bull "N Claw	7:30 AM

Tuesday:

Concord	Cat 'n Fiddle Restaurant	12:15 PM
Hampton	Ashworth By the Sea	7:30 AM
Kittery, ME	Kittery Estates	7:30 AM
Kittery After Hours	Weathervane	5:00 PM

Wednesday:

Biddeford-Saco, ME	Captain's Gallery Rest.	12:15 PM
Durham Great Bay	Flag Hill Winery, Lee	7:30 AM
Ogunquit, ME	The Old Village Inn	12 noon

Thursday:

Kennebunk, ME	Boat Yard Restaurant	12:15 PM
Seacoast Rotary	Portsmouth Gas Light	7:30 AM
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Country Club	12:15 PM
Sanford- Springvale, ME	Town Club@Fleet Bank	7:30 AM
South Berwick/ Eliot, ME	SB Community Center	7:15 AM

Friday:

Bow	Trinity Tavern	7:30 AM
Portland, ME	Portland Club	7:15 AM
York, ME	York Harbor Inn	7:30 AM

Make-up on the web: www.roti.org or www.rotaryclubone.org