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The newsletter of the Rotary Club
of Dover, NH



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

March 9, 2022 – 121 Broadway & Zoom Meeting

Welcome one and all to the greatest Rotary Club in the world.
We are all here to Serve to Change the World.

Thank you, Megan K. for technical assistance

Program: Liubov (Luba) Shvaha and John Storer, Luba’s exchange program “parent”

Introduction: Luba is a 16-year-old native Ukrainian from the city of Chernivtsi in western Ukraine. She is a senior at Dover High School on an exchange program and has been living with John and Karen Storer and their family in Dover since August 2021. Although she is scheduled to return home at the end of this school year, she will be seeking “temporary protective status” which would extend her visa through 2023. Luba’s parents, brother, and sister remain in Ukraine. Men aged 18-60 are not allowed to leave the country during the siege by Russia and her mother and sister have opted to stay in-country with them. Both women volunteer for the war effort 7 days a week, often sewing camouflage nets designed to hide tanks and military equipment. Luba speaks four languages and participates in soccer and cheerleading at DHS. She is also a member of the DHS Interact Club.

Luba, wearing a lovely crown of blue and yellow flowers on her head and traditional Ukrainian clothing (made by her mother), started out by showing a short video featuring the beauty, culture, and history of Ukraine before the war. She wanted us to see this in contrast to the terrible pictures coming out of Ukraine these days. Her exchange parent, John Storer, was also in a

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Mar. 16: 12:15 Hybrid, Lorraine Flaherty and John Atwood will discuss a global grant proposal with the Damariscotta/New Castle Rotary Club on an international project in Africa.

Mar. 23: Blue Latitudes Social and Separate checks. Seating limited. RSVP Melissa. 5-7 PM

Mar. 30: No meeting

Pledge: Harry C.

4-Way Test: Kathy F.

Guests: John Storer, Luba Shvaha and Liz Young, Lorraine Flaherty, and Marty Hellman on Zoom

*Today’s newsletter
authored by Cathy B.*

traditional Ukrainian embroidered shirt. Luba mentioned the Ukrainian flag of blue and yellow, meant to symbolize the blue skies and golden fields of her country. Jim mentioned that these colors are nearly the same as Rotary's! Luba also played the Ukrainian national anthem, holding her hand over her heart while mouthing the words to the song.

Next, Luba showed some PowerPoint slides that were informative about her country: including such topics as holidays, the Carpathian mountains, music, clothing, food, and dance. Rotarians learned to pronounce the 33 letters in the Ukrainian alphabet and a few common phrases.

At the conclusion of her presentation, Luba answered members' questions about the current situation in Ukraine, including communications with her parents. She was complimented on her bravery, her strength, and her dedication to preserving Ukraine's freedom.

Announcements:

Board meeting: Tuesday, March 15 at 12:30pm via Zoom. All are invited to attend

Committees:

Golf Committee: Will meet post-lunch after next week's meeting. Kathy F. asks committee members to attend in person if able.

Bingo: Sold 18 boxes last week.

Foundation: Gregg D. said Rotary International is looking at grants to Ukraine. He also requested that two people attend a 1-hour Grant Training session on March 15 at 7pm via Zoom. He and Kathy F. will attend from our club.

In the interest of time, no fines were assessed today (and no jokes!).

Drawing: Over \$500 in pot. Doug L. (really!) had winning raffle number drawn, but his 8 of Hearts pick from the deck was not a winner. Pot still grows!

Happy Bucks:

Kathy F. contributed a buck for Luba's most informative and inspired presentation

March Birthdays:

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

March Anniversaries:

Gregg D.	6 years
Ron R.	12 years
Megan K.	2 years
Ute L.	11 years
Gary D.	21 years
Jim V.	11 years
Mike B.	17 years
Kevin R.	11 years