

# BING

Newsletter

# Rotary Dover, NH

Doing good. Very good!



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

## May 11, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

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

**Rotary Moment:** Marion C. noted last year Rotary International announced a new initiative: DEI - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. In addition to celebrating the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, color, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity, Rotary also welcomes people with physical disabilities, and financial concerns, i.e., meeting cost & access. Each club is asked to form a DEI committee and get involved with the District DEI committee.

**Thank you:** Melissa for Bing and Megan K. for tech help

**New Member Induction:** Welcome to Dory Polanco of Kennebunk Savings Bank.

## Program – Classification – Dory Polanco

Dory came to the United States from the Dominican Republic when she was 9 years old. During her first week of school, she thought that she was never going to learn the English language or connect with others. She now speaks English, Portuguese and knows sign language.

During High School, Dory used to ask herself, *what if I ever get sent back to the Dominican Republic?* It was scary growing up not knowing and then, in 2010, those fears went away when she became a US Citizen and was able to eventually get her mother a

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Note: Meetings are Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m., four weeks each month.**

### Meetings:

**May 17:** BOD, 12:30 pm.  
Chamber office

**May 18:** Club Assembly

**May 25:** Joint meeting with  
Lake Chapala RC

### Events:

**May 21: Rotary Garden**  
Planting, Henry Law Pk, 9 am.

**May 24: Together on Tuesday**  
– Biehl & Locy backyard, 5-7  
pm, 183/185 Spur Rd.

**Pledge:** Gregg D.

**4-Way Test:** Megan K.

### **Guests & Returning Rotarians**

1. Stephen Purdy - Purdy Funeral Services
2. David Kesler - Kesler Insurance
3. Bob R - Welcome Back
4. Ed H - Welcome Back
5. David D - Welcome Back

*Today's newsletter  
authored by Melissa L.*

Visa to come to the US. It was a rough road at times. Her mom was here illegally for 22 years, and was not granted a green card. Dory filed a petition for her, she was pardoned back in the Dominican Republic, and had to pay a large fine to avoid potential jail time. Dory then went to the US embassy and was able to bring her mom back to the US.

Dory lived in Connecticut and moved here to New Hampshire about 7 years ago and currently works at Kennebunk Savings Bank providing financing and account tips for customers. Since she comes from a different background, people are able to learn about her culture as she had to learn about the US culture. She attended Connecticut College, where she majored in human and child services, helping kids get through trauma. This major came from Dory working at a school for some time.

Dory is well known by her co-workers for her great Dominican food, but her mom says it is *Americanized*. Dory's favorite is plantains. At the bank, they do Diversity Thursdays and staff bring food in to share; one of Dory's favorite things to do. Let's do this at Rotary!

**Joke of the Week** from Dory – Do you know the "mushroom man? He is a FUN guy!"

### **Announcements:**

**Bad News and Good News:** Peter & Lauri W. are leaving the Rotary Club of Dover to charter a new club in Florida. Their District Governor said they can start a club, in the fastest growing city in the US. Thus far, they have 43 charter members - 3 of which are Rotarians. They are starting off at Step 1, with charter papers and certificates from RI. It is exciting and they are looking for help from our club. Rotary is growing in Florida and Widmarks will still be on Zoom with our club.

**Rotary Garden:** Planting will take place on Sat., May 21 at 9 am. The more people, the faster it will get done. Noreen talked with Sharon S. & John S. from the City of Dover and they are working on fixing the water system. Noreen & Gregg will buy the flowers prior to gardening.

**Golf – June 27 – only 6 weeks away!!!** We currently have 3 major \$1,500 sponsors, 1 hole sponsor, our website is sponsored, 8-9 golfers signed up and we need at least 80 golfers!!!! Let's go out and get sponsors. People will support Dover Rotary. We are back with dinner again! We need raffle prizes that we can use and want to get back to the tournament like we have had in the past. **NEED HELP from our entire club!**

**Bingo** - We had 73 players and sold 19 boxes. Reminder, on Thursday, June 2nd, we may be closed, depending on the status of the construction of the new Bingo Hall. Light on ticket sales, even an hour for the early shift, would be greatly appreciated.

**Social Committee** - We will gather together on Tues., May 24, 5 – 7 pm at the Biehl & Locy backyards, located at 183-185 Spur Road in Dover. Bring something to share and favorite libations.

**Foundation Committee**- We are doing well in our club and the district. District has hit targets and beyond for Polio Plus. Dover Rotary is a big part of the district's success. Grant money flows back to us in 3 years and will support district grants and designated funds. Continue your support.

**District Relief Fund** - The District has collected around \$14,000,000. We can still donate and the club will match it. Over \$3,500 from our club. After April 30th, is no guarantee of going to Ukraine relief.

**\$650 Donation to the Library's Summer Project:** Cathy B. presented the Summer Badge Book paid for with a Rotary donation including Rotary linkage. The book includes stickers, activities, a reading record and guest listing sections.

**The Investment Group:** Nick P. noted the account is in balance, goal and the group is working on an investment policy statement.

**Scholarship Committee** will be meeting on Friday and have 8 student applications.

**Fines:**

What year did Dory get her citizenship? 2010  
How old was Dory when she came over? 9  
All who did not know the answer were fined.

**Drawing - Bob Richard and he WINS!!!!**

**Have a great weekend!**

**Happy Bucks:**

**Frank C.** - Wishing Lauri & Peter success, \$5 forgetting badge, \$5 coming back from Florida

**Ken P.** – Father-in- law passed, Kathy played/daughter sang

**David D.** - Mom always wanted him to come and live in Florida, go everywhere; it is air conditioned, and for Seacoast Cancer Center at WDH with a specialist to treat his rare illness. Able to return :)

**Gregg D** - Twins go to Biddeford, each chosen by teachers for a memorial day project- flags on the veteran graves.

**Kathy F.** - Dad turned 90 years to Jimmy's Jazz Club, happy & sad for performing at Ken's father-in-law's funeral, and for Tom D's performance in *Once Upon a*

*Mattress* where he plays a mute; it's all physical, exhausting

**Stephen P.** - Happy to be here and asking him to come

**Cate R.** – For Bob R., Dave D. and Dory - glad you are here

**Malcolm M.** - Glad to have Dave D. back

**Jim V.** - Lauri & Peter, donating to the Rotary foundation, cannot remember stories that he wanted to tell

**Nick P.** - Welcome Dory

**Dory P.**- Thank you, opportunity to be in the US

**Julie H.** - Dory for joining our club, son made all-star baseball team, went to event and the night before 20 - 6 score "what a great gift" guilty of posting on Facebook

**Jim M.** – Last large Rotary gathering was March 2020 until this meeting.

**Peter W.** - \$62 for new club in his district, for Stephen P. and his dad