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

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## May 13, 2020 - Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

**Submitted by** Gregg D.

**Pledge:** Club

**Rotary Moment:** Melissa read "They were Unstoppable"

**4-Way Test +1:** Club

**Guests:** Margaret Joyce, Exec. Dir. of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce

## Program: Margaret Joyce, Exec. Director of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce

Margaret joined the Dover Chamber in January 2019 after 25 years of leadership with various organizations throughout NH. Margaret served the State of New Hampshire working on economic development, travel and tourism, and emergency services and communications. She also was a founding member of NH Made and served as Director of Development of Coe-Brown Academy in Northwood. She holds a BS Degree in Journalism from Boston University and a Masters in Public Administration from UNH.

Margaret spoke of the Corona Virus Health Crisis and how the Dover Chamber is responding to local business and community needs. Major events sponsored by the chamber to promote greater Dover are on hold as no one is quite sure how this will develop in the coming months. Those include the Cochecho Arts Festival and Apple Harvest Days. As of right now the farmer's market, scheduled for Wednesdays are still planned. However, it has been made clear that the city's health officer will be monitoring the activity closely and will ensure that social distancing guidelines are maintained. Margaret again stressed that this is a health crisis and while healthy businesses are important we must ensure the health of the greater public.

Chamber members have been meeting virtually and all seem to appreciate the support of their fellow members. The Chamber is sponsoring Dover Bingo as a fundraiser and a means to promote area businesses. Anyone can download a Bingo card on line, frequent the business and submit the form to qualify to win gift cards provided by chamber businesses.

Margaret cited the close working relationship the chamber has with the City of Dover and everyone is working cooperatively toward a safe re-opening. She has been in contact with Dover economic development staff, seacoast area chamber executives and Strafford County execs.

In response to questions regarding feedback from members and immediate needs, Margaret cited examples of businesses working together and with the city on such things as outdoor dining, liability concerns, availability of capital and unemployment. Her message was one of concern and hopefulness for the businesses the Chamber serves but also for the greater good of the community.

### **Announcements:**

- President Melissa thanked those Rotarians involved in the food pick-up and delivery from Liberty Mutual and The First Parish Church to Strafford County Community Action. Jim V. has coordinated the deliveries and he thanked Cate R. and Rod B. for their help that morning.
- Melissa and Tom D. had the opportunity to participate in a Zoom meeting with other District 7780 Rotarians to discuss International and Global grants. They were able to share our club's involvement in various international projects.
- Rotary International President Mark Maloney will be the guest speaker at a District 7780 ZOOM meeting scheduled for this evening. Rotarians were invited to join in on the call and a number of Dover Rotarians were able to participate.
- There is also a **District Growth Team Zoom** meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 AM.
- The **Board of Directors** will meet remotely on Tuesday, May 19 from 12:30 PM to 2:00PM. All club members are invited to join the meeting. The board will be discussing the 2020-21 budget, a proposed district grant submission, a proposed grant policy and other club business.
- **Thirsty Tuesday** (wine, scotch or other beverage) will be held on Tuesday, May 19 starting at 6:00PM. Join us for fellowship and conversation.
- DG Andy informed members that free online training is available for anyone interested in volunteering in the health care field. Project Surge is available to all district 7780 Rotarians.
- **Bingo** is still on hold and Jerry D. informed members that Mark at Dover bingo reported that when it does start again it will be at a 50% occupancy allowance. The expansion of the hall is also on hold for now. Careful social distancing requirements and cleaning guidelines will need to be adhered to when operations begin again.

- **Scholarships:** Norm has announced that there are 18 applications to be reviewed by the committee this Friday morning.
- **Dover Mental Health Alliance** is ready to launch their Facebook page and Rotarians are asked to like the page and invite others to like. Mental health is as important a topic as ever before during this pandemic.
- **Rotary Garden:** This year's clean-up and planting day will be Saturday, May 23 (rain date May 30) at 8:30 a.m. Bring garden tools and enthusiasm.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm

Next week's meeting guest speaker: Gregg Dowty, Club Protection Officer

### **Birthdays: May**

Tony D.	May 16
Ute L.	May 22
Kalina L.	May 23
Ron R.	May 29

### **Anniversaries: May**

Ken M.	8 years
Bob R.	31 years
Doug G.	3 years
Marion C.	30 years
Malcolm M.	38 years
Betsey AP	20 years
Terrie H.	5 years

### **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.