



May 10, 2023 – In-person & zoom Meeting, 12:15

Pres. Megan welcomed all to the greatest Rotary Club in the universe.

Thanks to Marion and Harry C. for lunch.

Special Vote: *Motion to request Board to enter into negotiations with G2Gaming of Rochester to move Bingo to Rochester was made by Gregg D., Second by Kathy F. Motion passed unanimously (25 votes).*

Comments:

Gregg – we will be reaching out to other area clubs to see how they might want to be involved.

Question – are we committed to Thursdays? Yes, it’s been very consistent and is a very popular night.

Participation – Ken P. – was discussed last week, we are going to need some feedback. Do let us know. Also looking for people to learn different tasks, e.g. paper sales, closing.

Program – Waterfront Commission pdate - Steve Bird and Norm Fracassa.

Steve is project manager for waterfront development. Vital project for city and region. Displayed a map of the entire development. Part of a 20-year project to clean up the waterfront. Formerly the site for city facilities, was once an industrial site, including solid waste disposal. Unique to have such a piece of municipal property right on the waterfront. Objective is to make available to all citizens and as a tool for economic development. The public park will be about 4.3 acres and the centerpiece of the property. Improvements by the city include new roadways, storm water management system with lots of green infrastructure, new sewer and water lines. The project is a partnership with developer Cathartes, for last 5 years. Includes:

- 420 residential housing, mostly rental and some for sale.
- 20,000 sf of commercial: restaurants and retail most prominently
- Tax base of about 75 million dollars.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

May 24: Potluck Lunch

Events:

June 24: Gundalow Trip

Guest: David Barnes, Montana Foroughi

Pledge: Kathy F.

4-Way Test: Cathy B.

Today’s newsletter authored by Jim V.

City improvements through TIF agreement. Means all costs to the city will be paid by increased tax revenue from the site. Environmental improvements: stabilizing shoreline, raising elevation to prepare for sea level rise, providing access with launch and later, tour boats and private boats to bring people to downtown Dover.

Cochecho Advisory Committee (12 volunteers and city staff) was formed in 2004, dedicated volunteers, oversees entire project.

Current Committee Chair Norm: Spoke to Rotary in 2009 and worked with us redeveloping Park Street park. He praised Dana Lynch for his long service, who was recently recognized as Volunteer of the Year. Norm is a landscape architect – as with most Advisory Committee members, an area of expertise – and has been on the Advisory Committee almost since the beginning. Much of what is being done is stuff that would need to be done in any case.

Ironwood is the company (from Newmarket) doing the park. The park is city land, open to all. Objective is to create a vibrant space that is a complement to our downtown. There are lots of design guidelines in place for the developer and their buildings. Wanted the building to “look forward” – not replicating mills – also with references to current Dover buildings, e.g., the corner tower of the building as one enters the area from the Makem Bridge. There is a 60-ft space between the two large buildings in the first phase. Lots of reclaimed granite, open access to the public. Townhouses on back end of the project.

Steve spoke about permitting process. Recent milestones:

- All necessary state & federal permits needed for project
- Planning Board approval for private buildings
- City council has approved funding for infrastructure.
- The council awarded the bid to build the park: Northeast Earth Mechanics – ground breaking in about a month.

Question – some residential units will have river views

Question/Statement – Rotary may have an interest in having a signature piece.

Cathy noted that Dover 400 needs about \$80,000 to fund 7 or 8 places for public art. Rotary might sponsor.

Any thought to Workforce Housing the buildings? Early on, lots of discussion about type of housing; developers had at least two meetings with housing authority about how to do that. Possibility of changing some of the Orpheum units in the future. In the end, in this case, the increase in the value of these units will be part of the reason the project will help pay the city bonds, so high value property is a priority.

Announcements from Megan

- Thanks from Rotoplast
- There's a new District 7780 Environmental Committee that is looking for interested members. They've set up a Google group to share information with anyone who is interested in knowing what the environmental committee is doing.

<https://groups.google.com/g/rotary7780environment> You'll see an "Ask to Join Group" button when you visit that page if you're not already subscribed.)

- **Brian Hanson and David Barnes on 7-Day Notice:** They have submitted applications for membership and have met with several Rotarians from our club to have a fireside chat. The board met yesterday and officially recommends them for membership.
- From Tiffany Eddy Media: We would appreciate it if you could participate in our upcoming check presentation. This is a quick, fun moment where we present a giant check to the members of your organization for PR purposes and also get to say "hi" and put faces to the names. It's also a great way for you to meet our staff and for us to meet the charitable organizations and their members who participate in charitable gaming. We have hired a professional photographer and will be doing our next round of check pictures this Thursday, May 18th starting at 4 pm. We will also be offering to do some interviews for our charitable gaming ad campaign that you may have seen airing on WMUR. The process takes about ten minutes in total. Please feel free to bring board members, staff, and anyone involved in your organization for this celebratory moment - the more the merrier!!!!
- **June 10 is the District Celebration on Bailey Island.** The \$45 registration fee is not covered by the club, but can be if there is a need (contact Megan). Dinner at Cook's Lobster House. To register: <https://rotary7780.org/event/district-7780-conference-1/>
- The **district silent auction** is up and running and can be found here: <https://go.rotary7780gives.org/7780auction2023/Campaign/Details>

Announcements:

Garden Planting – Saturday, May 20 Noreen – starting early between 8 & 8:30 to avoid rain. Flowers will be picked up Friday. Need lots of people!

International: Tom D. – wants to set up an International Zoom meeting for the 31st at 6:30 pm.

Gundalow Trip: Beth F. - Saturday, June 24th, 2023, 6:30-8:30 PM Rain or Shine. The maximum number of passengers that can join the sail is 40 so click here <<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gundalow-cruise-on-saturday-june-24th-tickets-597971367457>> to buy your tickets today!

Interact banquet: Melissa L. – Friday, May 26, 6-8 pm at St. John's Methodist Hall.

Committee Reports:

Bingo report: Last week we had 113 players and sold 24 boxes! The May position-based sign-up link is now live:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49AEAF22AAF5C61-maybingo1>

Happy Bucks

- **Cathy B. - Voices of Dover,** interviews of Dover residents, first video next Monday, one each week for all summer. Premiere interviewee is Beth Fischer. Second interview with DHS Band Director. Third is Tom Dennington. Donna & Phil Rinaldi later in the summer.

- **Melissa L.** – joining Scholarship Committee, thanks to Norm, Noreen, Jerry for organizing; Dover Mental Health Alliance, first fundraiser is a minigolf tournament. \$30/person or \$100 sponsorships, Zebra Crossings is also a sponsor.
- **Harry C.** - \$51 Happy Bucks for 51st anniversary
- **Phil R.** – for our speakers
- **Frank C.** – as longest lasting Rotarian in this group, will to sponsor the child in the stroller

50/50 drawing: (\$441) Jim drew 3 of spades

May Birthdays:

Beth F. May 18

Ute L. May 22

Ron R. May 29

May Anniversaries:

Malcolm M. 41 years

Bob R. 34 years

Marion C. 33 years

Betsey AP 23 years

Terrie H. 8 years