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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER,
NH SINCE 1924

.MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15 PM
GOSS BUILDING 121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH

May 20, 2020 - Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Jim V.

Pledge: Club

Rotary Moment: "The meaning of life is to find your gift; the purpose of life is to give it away."

4-Way Test +1: Club

Welcome: Visiting Rotarian Dick Hall, Rotary District, first time visiting our club.

Program: PE Gregg Dowty discussing Club Protection Policy

This is not a topic that lends itself to starting with a joke (Gregg's usual practice). Gregg is also the district protection officer. Reason for district protection policy is due to being an organization throughout the world that works with lots of different groups of people. Policy ensures that we are following 4-way Test and meeting guidelines.

Importance illustrated by story from Penn State. Jerry Sandusky was defensive coach at Penn State. About 2011 he was charged with sexual abuse, now serving a life sentence, also brought down football coach and conviction of university president for covering things up. Most importantly, had a tremendous impact on youth affected. Parallel to Catholic Church experience, as shown in movie *Spotlight*. Similarly, Boy Scouts of America declared bankruptcy due to coming lawsuits as a result of abuse of scouts by leaders. Many others facing similar issues. US Women's gymnastic coach of 8 years recently suspended for 8 years because of emotional and verbal abuse of athletes.

Rotary is not exempt from these kinds of situations. We must have proper policies and practices in place to ensure Rotary does not fall victim to perpetrators' actions. Perpetrators are most often very trusted people and organizational leaders often know and do nothing. Rotary has built its policies around the 4-way Test. Gregg presented the ways in which we implement those principles. It applies to all of us and those associated with us in our actions and to all groups we serve.

Definition of Sexual Harassment – example of an off-color joke in a public meeting.

Another example – a wolf whistle is sexual harassment.

The district protection policy is on the district's web site, include what actions need to be taken.

All members and volunteers should receive training, at least every 3 years. Every club must have a club protection officer.

One particular concern at the moment – sharing social media. Ask oneself – would I share/say/show this thing in a regular Rotary in-person meeting?

Resources for dealing with bullying, particularly online: www.penamerica.org.

Questions:

Background checks – Rotary does them on anyone who is working with youth, seniors, or any protected group in an unsupervised or potentially unsupervised way.

Several in our club have gone through them. Rotary accepts proof of background checks already done, that is sufficient for the individual club.

Both NH & ME have mandatory reporting of abuse witnessed. In NH every citizen in the state is a mandatory reporter. In ME, only someone responsible for the victim is mandated to report; e.g. a neighbor will not be held individually responsible for reporting.

Announcements:

- Thank you to our BING writer – Jim V
- *Sharing a Smile* thank you card from Amanda Martineau of Monarch School of New England
- Thank you from CAP – Community Action Partnership for our generous donation of gloves, mittens and books for their clients that they received on December 20.
- Thank you to everyone that joined us last evening for Thirsty Tuesday – Wine & Scotch Social. Physical distancing on a patio on Tuesday, June 16?
- Thank you for those who attended the District Growth Team Zoom Meeting this past Saturday
- “This is Rotary” Guest Speaker Series – Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 pm via Zoom with RI Director, Johrite Solari (who will serve as RI Vice President as of July 1)
- Reminder of our **Rotary Gardens Planting Day**, this Saturday, May 23 starting at 8:30 am. Don't forget your masks!
- **Bob Richard** spent a few days at the Seacoast's Leading Medical Center - home now and doing well.

- **Reminder from our DG Andy** : Release of District Reserve Funds to Clubs - \$25,000 (\$15.51 per member totaling \$1,071)

Committee Updates

BOD Updates:

Financial Advisor Report – Lori H, Malcolm M, Kevin R – Lori reported that after meeting with financial advisor, decision is to sit tight for 6 months.

District Grant Application as we look to partner with the City of Dover for bike racks – Jim M & Gregg D – Gregg reported that we are in contact with Chris Parker and John Storer

Scholarship Update – Noreen reported - Additional \$1,000 approved Noreen for a total of four \$1,000 and one \$10,000, all from Dover High.

Donation Criteria – Noreen B., Malcolm M., Gregg D. and Jim M. working with several people to fine-tune criteria for making community donations.

BINGO Committee – Jerry D – waiting from word for state for when we can begin again. Approval likely to have several restrictions and we will need to decide, along with hall owner, whether/how we can re-open. Dover BINGO looking into have outside games.

Student of the Month Update – Gregg D – Great for the kids and has served to bring school staff together as they gather monthly to decide on who the student is. Staff learns about students they don't normally know.

Dover Mental Health Alliance – Gregg D – Meeting on a regular basis and Facebook page is now released; upcoming chats being created to present information on what they are doing.

Community Giving Report – Jay S – Maybe bring into our Zoom a couple of the more recent recipients. Still some question about anticipated donations to programs

Interact – Kevin R. – presentations from Guatemala participants next week.

Project and Business Updates

CAP food pick up and delivery Rotary Project picking up boxed lunches – Jim V. All set through June; thanks to Maria & Tom for today and next week.

Back to School Program – Betsey & Stacy K – Aug 26 at Seymour Osmand Community Center if possible and school are back in session.

Shredding Day – Betsey, Laurie W, Melissa – Laurie is researching how other clubs have done it. Thinking of September event – story in last *Rotarian* magazine. To be done as a fundraiser and Rotary awareness event.

Next week's meeting guest speakers: Interact Students on Guatemala Trip

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.