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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 22, 2019

Submitted by Melissa L.

Pledge: Dick C.

Invocation: Moment of Silence

4-Way Test: Peter W.

Greeter: Jerry D.

Guest Rotarian: Marie Williams – District 7780 Historian

50/50 Raffle (\$191): Jim V. (did not pick the Ace of Spades)

Announcements

- Thank you to all that assisted with the Rotary Gardens – John S, Jess C, Tom D, Ken M, Gregg D, Doug, Jerry D, Ron R, Jim M, Maria A, Mike F. and Yulia R
- * The following potential members have been put on 10-day notice – Michael Frudakis and Tracy Thibeau
- * Join us at the upcoming Rotary Fest on Saturday, June 22nd
- * June 3rd – Recovery with Hope & Dignity hope ALL of us will be there and bring friends and family (set up around 5pm – 5 people needed) Durham-Great Bay and Rochester Rotary clubs also involved
- * June 10th – Golf from Ken (registration & job opportunities for our members) HELP!
- * June 15th – 95th Rotary Anniversary – invitations (please RSVP – bring check or put in the mail) hoping a big crowd of attendees of Club Members and family & friends, MC is Tom D, Malcolm will be guest speaker, DJ – music all night long
- * Bingo – 86 people 13 boxes, this week is Team 3, Sheila is concerned of the subbing going on. The Widmarks and Dick C are back
- * Foundation – Rotary has 6 areas of Focus vocational, community, literacy, material, clean water, youth services (contribution to Foundation) helps out the projects. Tax deductible
- * CAP playground – June 1st, come one, come all (9am-1pm) – Community toolbox will come in after, need at least 6-12 people, eat your Wheaties - rain date of June 8th
- * Interact News – Banquet is for 10 students and St John's Church

- 5:30pm-8:00pm (this event has changed and moved to the home of one of the advisors)
- * Interact Guatemala – calendar raffles support projects for Interact students, you can win multiple times

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- * Ute L
- * Kalina L
- * Kelly F
- * Anniversary - Betsy Andrews Parker – 19 years

Fines: Question – How many miles did Laurie & Peter travel, Answer = 8,000 miles

Quotes about Memorial Day

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it. - Mark Twain

There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured with what is right in America. - William J. Clinton

It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God such men lived. – George S. Patton

In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Program - Marie Williams, PDG and District 7780 Historian

Marie Williams was a charter member of the Kittery Rotary Club, became Club President, Assistant Governor and District 7780 Governor (twice). She was married in 1963 and is a mother and grandmother, worked 30 years in the banking industry and enjoys camp with her family in Maine.

In the spring of 2012, DGE Marty Peak Helman approached Marie about being the District Historian stating she wanted the District History put up on the District 7780 Website so it could be saved. When she was in school Marie said she hated History but this opportunity really interested her because she was part of it.

As part of her research, Marie found a copy of a District Conference program where it noted Jim McAdams of the Rotary Club of Dover, NH updated the District History. This “history” was originally put together a number of years ago by Jim McAdams with the aid of an earlier “Brief History of District 779” by PDG Ron Drouin and other PDGs. Historical records of several clubs which celebrated

significant anniversaries and information from District Rotarians plus assistance from Rotary International's History archives aided in writing about District 7780. She put all this information under Historical Notes and has added to it over the years.

Marie noted that some of today's existing clubs have been in a number of districts. As districts grew they were split off into new districts. So far she found seven district splits from District 1 to what is now District 7780 and is hoping to find the rest of them that involve our clubs.

Dover had the first DG in the history of our current clubs and that was David McIntosh in 1929-30. In all, Dover has had five District Governors since it was chartered on May 10, 1924 – David McIntosh, Harlan Bisbee 1941-1942, Edward Duke Blouette 1953-1954, Irvin Levine 1959-1960 and Dick Clark 1993-1994 for 7780.

We were separated from 779 in 1990-91 to become 778 and Dan Mooers was that year's governor. District 778 started with 31 clubs – 22 in Maine, 8 in NH and 1 in MA with a total membership of 2,035. In 2019, 7780 has 40 clubs but membership is down to around 1,620. In 1991, RI decided to add a zero to the district numbers and we became District 7780 the year Bob Patten was governor.

Newsletters were manually typed on a typewriter, photocopied, stapled and snail-mailed to all Rotarians until August 2003 when Trish Hunter was DG and updated the district website and posted the first District Newsletter online where it was accessible to every Rotarian in the District as well as in the world. Prior to our separation from 779 the newsletters and district directories were printed in both French and English. Now, District 7780s are all in English as it is no longer a bilingual District.

Marie also mentioned that she wanted to remind everyone that one of the four original Rotarians was Hiram Shorey who had a home in Litchfield, ME where he was born. He was only a Rotarian for a few years but he served as recording secretary during the club's first year.

In 1997-1998, Marie was selected as the first woman governor in our district and was also in the third class of women governors in all of RI. There were only 15 of 530 that year. It was an interesting year as there were a lot of men who did not want a woman governor but she never had any problems with being among the "first" with anyone she met from all over the world. Marie had one Rotarian in the district tell her that he quit Rotary and then came back because of women being in Rotary and was surprised she would have the opportunity talk to him. She said she was glad he came back and she was not upset. In 2003-2004, Trisha Hunter was selected as DG and was the youngest DG in the world as well as a female. Since

Trisha 7780 has had seven more women DGs and our eight will be Peggy Belanger in 2020-21.

Marie had the privilege of being asked to be DG again in 2006-2007 when then DG Billy Hobbs stepped down August 1, 2006. She was surprised to be asked by RI to step in as DG. Marie's husband, Bruce has always been very supportive of her Rotary involvement and did not hesitate when she asked him what he thought about doing it a second time. His reply was, "We had a good time the first time and if you want to do it again, we will." She has been the only person in our District to serve as DG twice.

There have been many changes over the years in Rotary and in our District. We now have Assistant Governors who do a lot of the things the DG used to do like meet with the club boards. Back before she was DG in 1997-1998, she was a Governor's Rep and attended the club meetings with the DG for his official visit. Back then the DG went to the club the day before or the morning of their club meeting as most of the clubs back then met at noontime, to attend a board meeting. They often entertained the DG and spouse the day of the club meeting. After the meeting they might show them their town or a special project they had done in town. Sometimes that had a dinner for the DG and spouse after the board meeting. Being the first lady governor made her husband the first male spouse. As Bruce attended all her official club visits, the clubs weren't sure what to do with him while she was attending the club's board meeting. It was just like when they went to Anaheim for their official training as DG and spouse, he was only one of maybe 4 or 5 male partners and he attended high tea, topics for women, etc. At Rotary District Conferences back then there were meetings for the PDG with the DG and all the PDG spouses and the current DG spouse had separate meetings and a luncheon. Bruce learned how to pack a suitcase, fold napkins, etc. He was a very good sport and the female spouses all accepted him. He was often asked what he thought about Marie going to meetings, functions, etc. with all the men and he told them he got to go to meetings/functions with all the women.

Questions:

- * Woman in Rotary – any change in the rules to fast track, had woman vice-president of US, think it will happen
- * Woman were the workers – everyone is a worker

Upcoming Programs:

May 29^t Jim Brennan Federal Savings - new branding

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.

MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

Monday:

Exeter	Exeter Inn	12:15 PM
Rochester	Governor's Inn	12:15 PM
Wells, ME	The Bull "N Claw	7:30 AM

Tuesday:

Concord	Cat 'n Fiddle Restaurant	12:15 PM
Hampton	Ashworth By the Sea	7:30 AM
Kittery, ME	Kittery Estates	7:30 AM
Kittery After Hours	Weathervane	5:00 PM

Wednesday:

Biddeford-Saco, ME	Captain's Gallery Rest.	12:15 PM
Durham Great Bay	Flag Hill Winery, Lee	7:30 AM
Ogunquit, ME	The Old Village Inn	12 noon

Thursday:

Kennebunk, ME	Boat Yard Restaurant	12:15 PM
Seacoast Rotary	Portsmouth Gas Light	7:30 AM
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Country Club	12:15 PM
Sanford-Springvale, ME	Town Club@Fleet Bank	7:30 AM
South Berwick/ Eliot, ME	SB Community Center	7:15 AM

Friday:

Bow	Trinity Tavern	7:30 AM
Portland, ME	Portland Club	7:15 AM
York, ME	York Harbor Inn	7:30 AM

Make-up on the web: www.roti.org or www.rotaryclubone.org