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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

May 6, 2020 - Rotary Club Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Noreen B.

Pledge: Group

Rotary Moment: **Melissa** - "Heroes don't wear capes, they wear scrubs..."

4-Way Test +1: All

Guest Rotarian: Joe Beringer, Ohio Rotary Club, Guatemala Literacy Project

Guests: Jamie Swain and Sarah Varney of CAP

Presentation: Melissa presented a "big check" (via Zoom) in the amount of \$3,600 to Jamie and Sarah of CAP toward their expanded summer meals program. Jim M. noted the amount is twice the annual donation for the summer meals program with the addition of \$600 from Dover Rotary Club's portion of District 7780's/RI's Disaster Relief Fund. Jim emphasized the very real food insecurity issues in Strafford County and Betsey AP thanked the club for its support to help a growing number of needy families during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Program: Joe Beringer, Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP)

In 2017, RI President Ian Riseley called the Guatemala Literacy Project "the gold standard of Rotary projects" for its sustainability and impact. Thanks to 608 Rotary Clubs from 8 countries and 80 districts, over 57,000 Guatemalan students benefit everyday from efforts to reduce the rate of illiteracy in one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere.

Joe Beringer, one of the founders of the GLP, continues to visit and encourage other Rotarians to join him in their efforts to "break the cycle of poverty through education." And, it's working. When he first visited the country with cartons of books and Rotarian Carolyn Johnson, two-thirds of the county was illiterate. Twenty-three years later one-third is illiterate. The positive difference is the result of a 4-tiered approach - reading, textbooks, technology and youth development.

The GLP is a partnership between Rotary and the nonprofit organization Cooperative for Education (CoEd). Since the program began, Joe noted over 800 teachers have been trained "who will be impacting over 2.5 million kids before they retire." Ninety-five percent of students who graduate will go on to get jobs or continue their

education and the cycle of poverty will end for them and their children. In addition to the basic studies - math, science and technology - students learn to develop soft skills as well, in leadership, communication, teamwork and community service.

The babies Joe held 23 years ago are now adults holding their own babies - succeeding and thriving thanks to GLP. He travels four times a year to Guatemala and welcomes Rotarians to join him, sponsor a kid or join in a global grant. For more information, visit guatemalaliteracy.org.

Announcements:

- Thank you to Jim V. and volunteers for picking up and delivering meals to CAP.
- President-elect Gregg D. is meeting with committee heads and developing a budget for the year 2020-21 that will include an operations and foundation budget. He will also be discussing when to return to in-person meetings with the Board. Currently he is considering continuing Zoom meetings until September. More to come.
- Board of Directors Zoom Meeting - Tues., May 17 at 12:30 - 2 p.m. - all invited.
- Thirsty Tuesday Wine & Scotch Zoom event - May 19, 6 p.m.
- Suggestions from our District Governor Andy:
 - "This is your Rotary Guest Speaker Series" May 13, 5:30 p.m. will feature RI President Mark Maloney. The series can host up to 500 guests
 - RYLA - postponed until September - date TBD
 - Take time to visit other Rotary club web meetings

Committees:

Bingo: Jerry D. reported the Bingo hall is still closed - no opening date has been determined. He said the health and well being of member volunteers will be considered in any decision regarding a return to Bingo. He will be discussing Bingo at the BOD meeting on the 17th.

Rotary Garden: Noreen B. and Jessica C. invited Rotarians to garden clean-up and planting on Saturday, May 23 at 8:30 am. Rain date: May 30.

Back to School Program: Betsey AP, Gregg D. and Phil R. met with Stacey K. and set a date and place for the program - Wed., Aug. 26 - BBQ event at the Seymour Osman Community Center - more information to come.

Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm

Next week's meeting guest speaker: Margaret Joyce, Exec. Director of the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce

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.