



Nov. 1, 2023 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy F. welcomed all to the only Rotary Club and noted that our guest speakers today were coming to us via Zoom.

Announcements:

For every reuseable grocery bag sold at the Rt. 108 Hannaford’s this month, \$1.00 of the \$2.50 price will be donated to the Dover Rotary Club. Purchase your bags this month!

The “Shelter Box” Annual Virtual Benefit will be held Thurs., Nov. 16 from 8-9pm EST for an impactful and moving online program recounting the organization’s response efforts this year in Ukraine, Morocco, Turkey, Libya, and Syria. Jim M. explained their mission and delivery of tents and basic need items after natural disasters. District 7780 is a supporter of Shelter Box. RSVP at: www.shelterboxusa.org/virtual.

Bingo: Ken P. reported 29 boxes sold last Thursday, a record high! Organizing staffing is still an ongoing process. Please use Sign-Up Genius to volunteer at a Bingo evening. Dates are available several weeks in advance. There are two new positions added: every Thursday we will need two ticket counters to bundle packs of pull tickets in the back area of the Bingo hall. Please sign up!

Program: PRIDE RC: Joe Swalve & Amanda Chancellor

Our speakers from the Twin Cities, Minnesota, Joe Swalve and Amanda Chancellor spoke to us via Zoom. Each gave a brief bio of themselves. Joe is a private mortgage broker and co-founder of the Minnesota PRIDE RC. Amanda joined this club at its launch party as its fourth member and is now President-Elect. She is in the insurance field and has a 4 ½ year old daughter. Both speakers identify as part of the LGBTQ community, Joe as a gay male and Amanda as a lesbian.

Their PRIDE club was launched in March 2022 with 20 members and now has 40 members (with 13 under 40 years of age and 50% women). About 1/3 are non-profit professionals. Members include both gay and straight persons. They meet at 5:30pm twice a month at a Farm-to-Table restaurant (cost of dinner is \$20 pp). They represent a range of occupations and come together as “chosen family”. As

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Nov. 8: Steve Fine -Melanoma

Nov. 15: Club Assembly

Nov. 22: no meeting

Nov. 29: Darin Roark CEO WDH Mass General

Dec. 6: New Hampshire Pet Aid

Dec. 13: Ryan Crosby DHA

Dec. 20: Holiday program

Dec. 27: no meeting

Events:

Nov. 4: Garden Cleanup, 8 am

Pledge: Beth F.

4-Way Test: Melissa L.

Guests: Amanda Chancellor and Joe Swalve from Minnesota PRIDE RC

Today’s newsletter authored by Cathy B.

there are about 5,000 homeless youth (under age 24) in the Twin Cities, the club's primary service mission is to serve this marginalized community, including housing, furnishings, hygiene needs, and mental health services. About 40% of these youth identify as LGBTQ.

Both speakers emphasized their meetings as having a family feel, characterized by friendship and fun. They admit to just getting the hang of Rotary structure and organization. They are writing By-Laws including a DEI statement and Code of Conduct, creating a Governance Committee, and using social media to attract new members. At each meeting, they give "A Toast to Rotary" and Joe read his first, very memorable one, aloud to us. They donated, through a District Grant, about \$6,000 to local homelessness charities last year and are hoping to raise \$10,000 this year for their cause. Their ultimate goal is a LGBTQ Resource Center. They are staying focused on changing the world through love and kindness, not being designated as the sole Rainbow Club in Rotary.

Jim M. asked about meeting attendance? Joe said between 20-30 attend each meeting, over 50%.

More Announcements:

Nominating Committee: Pres. Kathy said the Nominating Committee has met to determine a slate of officers for the 2024-25 year. Voting will be in November. More to come from Pres. Elect Harry C.

Together on Tuesday: Social Committee will announce the next event, probably something in early December. Stay tuned!

Rotary Gardens: Kevin Q. asked members to assist him with garden clean-up on **Sat., Nov. 4.** He'll be there at 8am and expects it will take 2-3 hours to pull out all the plants. Please join if you're able!

Kids Closet: Gregg D. announced a gift card delivery to Dover High School and Dover Middle School right after the meeting. Everyone is welcome to join him and Melissa L. for this delivery.

Rotary Foundation Month: Jim M. said November is Rotary Foundation Month. More to come on that.

Vocational Tools & Training Grants: Jim M. announced three applications for Vocational Tools had been accepted and approved. The cost is between \$135 and \$500 each and will go to three LNA students in training. Jim has 4 Rotary PRIDE pins left (\$10 each). And he mentioned that our club's **Homeless Outreach project** is coming up soon with a trip to Ocean State Job Lots for coats and winter gear to be distributed by CAP (and possibly other agencies as needed).

Senior Visits: Kathy F. said senior visits will be commencing soon with the first being Bingo at Riverside Rest Home. Date and time TBA. Kathy F. and Melissa L. will coordinate.

Happy Bucks:

Tom D.: for upcoming travel to NY to see grandson's orchestral performance; and for seeing Ann Goodwin in the parking lot and getting a hug!

Melissa L. for hiring her brother as her Director of Operations. (Some skirmishes over her overly busy schedule which he believes can be cut down!) --also for her Birthday Month donation of \$514 to one of 33 non-profits which she supports. Winner to be chosen in a blind draw this afternoon!

Gregg D.: for our 100 years in Dover and for attending pre-PETS meeting here and especially noting that he and Melissa L. are finishing their terms as ADGs!

Kathy F.: for running into Ann French at a restaurant and enjoying her country/bluegrass performance.

50/50 Drawing: \$950 in the pot. The winning ticket was Jim M.'s but the 9 of Spades was not the winner. Pot grows and only 10 cards left in the deck!

October Birthdays:

Gregg D. Oct 05
Doug L. Oct 07
Gary D. Oct 10
Phil R. Oct 11
Noreen B. Oct 14
Melissa L. Oct 18
Kevin Q. Oct 19
Tom D. Oct 26
Montana F. Oct 31
Julie H. Oct 31

October Anniversaries:

Hemant D. 6 years
Cindy I. 17 years
Cate R. 13 years
Teresa R. 1 year
Dave D. 14 years
Ed H. 32 years
Tom D. 39 years