



Nov. 16, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

Past President Jim Munro welcomed members, guests, and speakers to the greatest Rotary in the universe!

Program: Dave Underhill, Dist. Rotary Foundation

Dave Underhill, Past District 7780 Governor, 2017-18, has been an active Rotarian chairing and serving on various committees including Finance, Nominating and currently serves as Dist. Foundation chair.

Dave expressed his appreciation for being able to meet in person, thank members for support of the Rotary Foundation, and recognize Dover Rotarians for their support. He recognized Jim M. for his support of the foundation with a Paul Harris + 7 and Paul Harris + 8 and thanked him for his service as club Foundation Chair. He also recognized Marion C. and Harry C. as major donors to the Foundation with a crystal orb pin representing their significant contribution.

Dave also recognized the club for its contributions to Polio Plus and spoke of the importance of Rotary’s work toward eradicating polio world-wide. When he joined Rotary in 1984 there were 350,000 polio cases in the world. This past year there were 32 cases. While we have made huge progress, there is still work to do as evidenced by recent outbreaks in the U.S.

Dave also spoke of the impact of our support of the Rotary Foundation. He explained how donations are returned through the share fund after a three-year period. Our contributions are invested and 50% of the funds are returned to the district designated fund (DDF) for support of district grants awarded to clubs in our district. Approximately \$100,000 per year is returned to the district for this purpose. Last year, 15 grants were awarded to clubs in the district. Additionally, another 22 clubs are participating in international projects.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Nov. 23: No meeting

Events:

Nov. 19: Homeless outreach committee – meet at Ocean State Job Lot, 10 a.m.

Pledge: Frank C.

4-Way Test: Dave U.

Guests: Linda Underhill, Rotarians Dave Underhill (Portsmouth), Peter Widmark (Babcock Ranch, FL), and Cal Mann (Silicon Valley, CA)

Today’s newsletter authored by Gregg D.

The other 50% supports the World Fund, Polio Plus, and Disaster Relief. Just recently, through the efforts of clubs in our district, a \$25,000 grant was awarded to a Rotary club in Poland and ultimately used to support a club in Lviv, Ukraine, in their efforts to repair a convent which houses refugees of the war.

Dave stressed that Rotary is ultimately a peace organization. The work we do world-wide is intended to promote peace and good will among nations and people around the world. Dover Rotary is a part of that effort and over the years has supported the Rotary Foundation with almost \$317,000. Our support is much appreciated.

The club then presented a check to Dave for the Imagine Polio Challenge for \$4,370.00. as a result of our efforts to promote polio eradication through a Bingo night and our World's Greatest Dinner Pot-Luck luncheon.

Announcements:

Homeless Project: Jim M. reported that the Homeless Project committee would be meeting this Saturday at Ocean State Job Lot to shop for supplies which will be delivered to the Strafford County Community Action Partnership for distribution to those in need. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to attend. Warm clothing, socks, gloves, tarpaulins, and other necessary items for survival in the winter will be purchased. Jim also indicated that we have been given mittens knitted by a woman at Bingo for distribution where needed.

Kids Closet: Gregg D. reported that committee members will shop this evening at BJ's for snacks which will be distributed to Dover Elementary Schools. We expect to purchase items recommended by the school nurse that will be used by teachers and counselors for children who do not have a snack on any given day. Each school will have approximately 800 items for children in need. This is part of our new project to support learning in Dover schools.

Community Giving: Jay S. reported that we have received a thank you from Dover CTE for our support to purchase CTE Ambassador shirts which are worn by the students as they provide tours of the Technology Education program. They provided pictures along with the thank you.

Bingo: We hosted 89 players last week and we sold 25 boxes of tickets. We have the necessary number of volunteers for this week. There will be no Bingo next week due to Thanksgiving, however a sign-up genius has gone out to sign up for December. Please help if you are able.

International Project: Gregg D. gave an update on the Kidney Health Project in Mexico. Another foundation stepped in to cover the costs of the blood testing and they were able to test over 1100 individuals. They found significant kidney disease in over 100 people. This information will be used as part of the need's assessment as they continue to develop a global grant.

Festival of Trees: Noreen B. reported the committee needs games and game pieces to be used in decorations for the tree. The theme of our tree this year is "Games". The committee will

work on decorations at Noreen's home on **Nov. 26 at 10 am** and the Festival of Trees will be held on **Fri., Dec. 2**. Dover Rotary has always had a spectacular Christmas tree, and this is a great opportunity for fellowship and community support. Please let Noreen know if you can help. They need a "Twister" game mat!

Happy Bucks:

Cal Mann was happy to be able to join our meeting and hear of the great work we have done. He is a Peace Corps colleague of Megan's and appreciates all we do.

Gregg D. was happy to have worked on our golf tournaments, but we have decided we will not try to hold a tournament this year due to other activities.

Marion C. was happy to host Dave U. and thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the Rotary Foundation.

Jim M. was happy that Malcolm was able to attend yesterday's board meeting and appreciated his help.

50/50 Raffle: Gregg D. had the opportunity to draw the winner but failed to do so.

November Birthdays:

Hemant D. Nov. 1
Dan S. Nov. 11
Betsey AP Nov. 17
Maria A. Nov. 25
Malcolm M. Nov. 25
Nick P. Nov. 25

November Anniversaries:

Frank B. 40 years
Norm H. 26 years
Frank C. 45 years
Ram R. 42 years
Dory P. 1 year
Maria A. 4 years
Kathy L. 4 years