



## Nov. 9, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Elect Kathy Fink welcomed members, guests, and speakers to the greatest Rotary in the universe!

### **Presentation: Garrison Players**

Kathy presented a \$1,000 check to Kevin Collins, Production Manager of the Garrison Players Arts Center, in support of the center's efforts to provide and nurture a community-based arts environment. Visit [garrisonplayers.org](http://garrisonplayers.org) for more information

### **Program: Debbie Carroll, Friendship Force of the NH Seacoast**

Current Friendship Force (FF) President Debbie Carroll, noted the local chapter of the international club has thousands of members worldwide offering a way to see the world through personal connections. It's more than a travel club, she said, although travel is a special feature both inbound and outbound. Visit someone in the world or show someone from afar your own community; both ways create a better picture of other countries, your own country and even yourself.

The most recent inbound visitors were from Adelaide, Australia. The local group's members housed and hosted seven days of tours, dinners and visits to local attractions - Salmon Falls Pottery, the Cemetery Tour, mountain foliage, the Shaker Village in Canterbury, the Maine shore and more.

Close to 80% of the local FF is from Dover and efforts are underway to expand to other communities in the area. The group meets monthly on the 6<sup>th</sup> day at 6 pm.

Member Jim V. described his FF trip in 2013 to Morocco for two weeks, bringing school supplies to needy families in three towns. He brought along a thank you gift from one of the families to commemorate the trip. He was chosen as the leader because he

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### Meetings:

**Nov. 16:** Dist. Foundation Chair Dave Underhill

**Nov. 23:** No meeting

### Events:

**Nov. 12:** Festival of Trees Committee – meet at Sunrise Café, 10 a.m.

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

**Pledge:** Cathy B.

**4-Way Test:** Jerry D.

*Today's newsletter authored by Noreen B.*

speaks French. Debbie led a group to Germany since she speaks German. Jim also mentioned the connection to Open World (supported by the Library of Congress) that focuses on visits from small groups. He recalled a visit to our Dover Rotary club by Russian journalists.

Long time FF member and Rotarian Phil R. highlighted a trip their group took in June 2022 to Omaha, NB. Donna R. was the leader since she is from Nebraska and has relatives living there. They visited a paperweight factory in 101 degrees not including heat from six ovens, drove by Warren Buffett's very modest home and stopped at Boys Town.

Questions focused on funding, logistics and how to become a member. Anyone can become a member, travel is paid by the member with a fee of \$150 - \$300 to the outbound club for events and tours, etc. Housing is provided at no cost by the members of the visiting club. FF is also partially funded by Open World, a government sponsored program.

Tom D. praised the work of FF, as a former member and traveler. He recalled a visit to England where he spent a day with British barrister, noting our legal system is closely modeled on the their courts, minus the wigs.

### **Announcements:**

**Bingo:** Last week we hosted 117 players, sold 32 boxes of rip tickets. Help needed this week.

**Garden---All clean.** Noreen B. thanked garden workers: Cate R., Melissa L., Gregg D., Doug L. and Cathy B. – next work day – mid May 2023!

**Festival of Trees:** Rotary will again sponsor a tree at the Festival of Trees on December 2. Shopping for tree ornaments and trimmings will be **November 12 at 10 am** – meeting at **Sunrise Café (Point Place near Roost)**, and crafting/assembly will be November 26, 10 am at Noreen's house.

### **Happy Bucks:**

**Kathy F.** for *Bye Bye Birdie* - great Rotary turnout at the UNH play and Ciao Trattoria.

**Cathy B.** for everyone who voted – great turnout – lines never stopped.

**Gregg D.** for Cathy B.'s first night as ticket control trainee when it was so busy, for Kathy F. and great event on Sunday, and for great Dist. 7780 donor event last Friday with Melissa, Phil, Harry and Marion.

**Tom D.** for Cate R. taking him home after Bingo in his big truck followed by Gregg D., and for whatever is next in his cardiac medical saga – hoping to feel better soon.

**Melissa L.** for Bye Bye Birdie event and \$7 for being a Big Sister getting her 7<sup>th</sup> Little Sister, a six year old from Portsmouth.

**50/50 Drawing:** \$585 in the pot. Winning ticket was Kathy F.'s but not the winner.