



**Oct. 12, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15**

Welcome from Past President Gregg, pinch-hitting for Pres. Megan.

**Thank You:** Doug L. for lunch pick-up.

**Program**

No program today as our speaker called in sick. In place of the program we had a mini club assembly and general discussion

**Announcements:**

Note of appreciation from Dover Middle School for \$3,500 in gift cards  
Donation of \$5,000 in gift cards to Dover High School will be after next week’s meeting

Chamber of Commerce thanked us for sponsorship of Family Respite Area at Apple Harvest Day

**Food Drive** is this coming Saturday at Tucker’s Restaurant parking lot, 10 - noon. Julie will pick up filled bags beforehand if needed.

**Bingo Report** – Cathy – normal week, busy, everybody nice. Jim V. announced that he has retired as caller after 20+ years. Greg noted how important BINGO is to the club and invited others to consider becoming callers. Cate explained that instruction sheets for the various jobs are being created.

**Milk & Egg/Food Insecurity Generally** – Cate – demand is as high as ever. First quarter of our fiscal year, helped almost 190 bills. Budget is right on target. Dover Food Pantry also experiencing demand as high as ever. CAP will soon have another director for their food security program. Jim noted that End68 Hours of Hunger still collects weekly, 10 – noon at St. John’s Methodist. 45 families at Horne Street receive End 68 food.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

**Meetings:**

**Oct. 26:** Mike McGovern speaking on Polio Plus - **Wear RED! – Potluck lunch!!!**

**Events:**

**Oct. 27:** Bingo – Wear Red!

**Pledge:** Jay S.  
**4-Way Test:** Jon N.  
**Guest:** Theresa R.

*Today’s newsletter authored by Jim V.*

**Kid's Closet** – Gregg to work with elementary schools to implement gift cards at each as well. The goal is to help kids be ready to learn – decent clothing, no hunger.

What's the criteria for obtaining the gift cards? Right now designing program as we develop; we rely on the school counselors to identify kids/families that need help. Criteria – We improve the learning environment for the kids.

**Shoe & Boot** – Talking with Red's about going to gift cards instead of vouchers.

**Homeless Project** – Jim M – 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year of this project, \$2,000 - \$2,500 to spend. Group from club goes to Ocean State Job Lots to purchase things to help the homeless. Shopping will be sometime in November.

**Holiday Decorating Contest** – Doug – We are going to do it? Jim M. so far it has been “a really great idea” that doesn't go anywhere. Last year only 3 people did it. Project is to identify decorated homes (in our contest) and then people can drive around to see the decorations. Worked the first year as a response to COVID. Probably time to retire the project.

**Rotary Garden** – we have had the first frost so it is time to close out the garden this year. Watch for an announcement from Noreen.

**Golf Tournament** – Kathy – made \$\$, great event. Process leading up to it was difficult and frustrating. Planting the seed today for follow-up to get a better event:

Find a partner non-profit to split both the work and the proceeds

Next year's reserved date is a big Dover 400 event – Kathy recommends early June rather than late June – maybe a different day of the week.

**Club Presidency** - No successor in place now

One challenge is that we don't have many people active in the club who have not already been president. Maybe increase the size of the Board. Malcolm noted that up to now, we have never had the same president. Suggestion – have an info session on the responsibilities/support for the presidents. Good idea for recruiting

**Bye-Bye Birdie** - November 6<sup>th</sup> at UNH

20 people signed up – great turnout, Chao Italia after-party at 4:30

**Food Insecurity in Dover** – TENTATIVE DATE, Saturday, December 10.

Friendly Kitchen fundraiser concert: proceeds to Friendly Kitchen and End 68 Hours o/f Hunger

Large choir with soloists. Dessert reception at St. Thomas Episcopal

Mutual Aid Response/Relief Fund – Gently used winter wear accepted.

**Shred Event** – Club underwrote some base expenses and worked with Interact. Students did a fantastic job, participating in planning and ran the show on the day. Interact students will net about \$2,000 – students are thrilled. Also a great community service.

**District Donor Recognition Event** – November 4<sup>th</sup> in Portland, ME First time done in a number of years. We will have a carpool.

**Polio Month** – This Month – Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Mike McGovern speaking to us. **Wear RED!**

Clubs charged with doing three events for the year.

After 10 years, the US is now present in the country. We were down to 2 or 3 active cases world-wide. That changed this year. US outbreak was in NY.

Proceeds from the BINGO the next night, 10/27, red shirts will be provided/worn that night.

**The “World’s Greatest Meal” program, 10/26** that day for our meeting will be one of our events.

Proposal – **Potluck Lunch** – main course provided by club, members bring sign-up genius.

YES from this group – will move ahead.

Spring of the Year – Pints for Polio is a second event.

**Polio Plus Society Pin** - \$100/year pledged through Rotary Foundation. Club currently has 5 members, \$100 is matched 2 – 1. Donate by going to Rotary.org, click on GIVE.

**Bylaws** – working on a Fiduciary Responsibility section and expansion of size of membership. Malcolm noted that the proposals dramatically alter the bylaws, may need a complete redo. Goal is to have policies/procedures around our financial structure; needed for the future. We have about \$400,000 in funds under our control.

**DEI Committee** – meeting Friday afternoon by zoom, 3-4pm, email Jim M, Cathy or Cate for the zoom link.

**Red’s Shoe Barn** – 3 pairs of shoes billed last month.

**Festival of Trees** – Suggest BINGO theme. for the tree. Noreen, Melissa, Megan doing the planning.

**50/50 Raffle** – \$466 – Malcolm – sorry - 7 of diamonds, pot grows

### Happy Bucks:

**Jim M.** - \$5 - got latest COVID jab and flu shot; going back to in-person music lessons – putting in a new bathroom, now 4 weeks into the project, learned way too much with way too many contingency outcomes.

**Jay S.** - \$1 for the story. Visited grandchildren over Columbus Day. 7 grandchildren – several stories. Two new kittens.

**Theresa R.** - \$1 – first flight of airplane