



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Oct. 14, 2020 - Rotary Club Meeting Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Cate R.

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Dover – the greatest Rotary Club in the Universe – Onward and Upward!

Pledge: All

Moment of Reflection: Consider the good that Rotary does in our community.

Rotary Moment: A Johns Hopkins study estimated that Rotarians volunteer a staggering 47 million hours in a typical year. The value of that effort is \$850,000,000. We do make a difference in the communities we serve.

Please remember to track your volunteer hours for the month of October.

4-Way Test +1: All

Guest Speaker: Bonaventure Fandohan: Rotary International, Economic and Community Development, Area of Focus Manager

***About Bonaventure Fandohan:** Rotary International, Economic and Community Development, Area of Focus Manager Bonaventure is a results-oriented leader with more than sixteen years of experience in international business and programs design for public, not-for-profit and social enterprise sectors. As the Area of Focus Manager for Community Economic Development (CED) for Rotary International, Bonaventure is responsible for aligning service and grant activity and strategic partnerships. He serves as a subject matter expert for Rotary staff and volunteer leadership as well as a Rotary ECD resource on training for Rotarians in order to build their capacity to address Economic and Community Development issues. He also regularly advises in the design of strategic partnerships that relate to Economic and Community Development. He has a wealth of experience in program and cross-functional team management, vocational training, women economic empowerment, entrepreneurship, value chain analysis, agribusiness with a record of transformational leadership. Bona's skills include team-building and mentoring, strategic thinking, creating impactful partnerships, Innovative problem solving and result-based management (RBM). Bonaventure earned a bachelor from Purdue University, Masters from*

Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy, and MBA from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management.

Bonaventure shared how the Economic and Community Development Area of focus has had an impact in our community and how we make change as well as discussing his experiences around the world.

Covid-19 has changed how we interact, how we talk and it has changed our livelihood. People have lost their jobs. What do we as Rotarians do in this situation?

Bonaventure has a conversation with a Rotarian in India – everyday he goes to the food bank to make sure they have what they need. People who have never come are now coming to ask for food. That's where we see our Rotarians.

From the Foundation side, we offer Rotarians a lot of opportunity. Anyone can design a Global Grant to be used to support action in your own community. The most important questions are how do we help in this time? How do we apply for a Global grant that will be approved? While not all grant applications are approved, the committee is now looking at more short-term solutions (for example helping food banks) but how do we as Rotarians look beyond the immediate need?

One example he shared was of supporting people who have recently lost jobs in hospitality - Can we look at the job market and help them to identify opportunities to train to take on new roles? At the Foundation, Bonaventure can help to navigate through the process of applying for and receiving a grant.

What resources are available to someone who wants to be part of a Global grant? Rotarian Action Groups are a great resource. Reach out to them. There are 1000s of Rotarians who are interested in similar projects and looking for partners. Talk to volunteers available through the Foundation to help with projects.

How does someone get involved? Reach out via the website. They meet regularly and respond quickly. Bonaventure will act as a conduit for introductions as needed.

What is RI doing to promote food security? RI is looking at immediate and sustainable activities. There is a recognition that they need to respond to the short-term need at this time while still looking at the long-term impact.

What is RI doing to help people at this time of crisis? Local clubs are raising funds to help in their community. When this started, the Trustees opened up the Disaster Grant which was \$25,000 for PPE and helping out with basic needs. That amount has tripled. The Global Grant has reviewed twice the number of grant applications as they usually review. They are working very hard to link clubs with the resources they need. Staff are all working 10 – 15 hours per day feeling like they are part of something bigger than themselves. Bonaventure ended by offering up his support to anyone who would like help or to learn more.

Announcements

Thank You to Cate R. our BING writer for today and to all who have volunteered to deliver food this month. Please sign up if you can help out.

Foundation Minute: Jim M.

The Foundation's purpose - when it comes to Global Grants - is to approve them! They look to work with people to find ways to get through the process. It's a daunting process but well worth it!

Bike Rack Installation Postponed:

The City of Dover Community Services Department has reviewed the proposed locations for the bike racks and have pushed back the installation until April, 2021.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Oct. 15: Meet at 273 Locust St @ 10:00 for Million Mask Distribution
- Oct. 20: Board of Director's Zoom Meeting-12:30 – Open to all Rotarians
- Oct. 20: Together on Tuesday– location and time TBD
- Oct. 21: Club Assembly Live Meeting, Dover Bowl – will share Board Meeting and Committee Reports – Please send your report if you cannot attend
- Oct. 21: Library Dedication of Children's Room @ 3:00 in a tent outside the library. All Rotarians are invited to attend. Noreen is the speaker. Small groups will be able to tour. Refreshments will be served.
- Oct. 24: World Polio Day
- Oct. 28: Dave Underhill, Seacoast SCORE
- Oct. 31: RSVP by this date to Marion if you'd like to be part of the World-wide Dover Rotary Zoom Meeting on Thanksgiving – See below

Updates:

- **Million Mask Challenge:** Mask Distribution is needed now. Rotarians will meet at 10:00 on 273 Locust Street on Oct 15th. Take pictures so we can share via Social Media and Press Release
- **Bingo Update:** Jerry D. We are running close to our limit of 60 players. Still some openings for volunteers this week. 4:30 – 6:00 is a big need. Last week we sold 13 boxes of tickets.
- **Holiday Decorations Contest:** Jim M. has created a Facebook page to get the word out. This is open to anyone in Dover who would like to decorate their

home (exterior only) to be judged in a number of categories. We are not worried about participation levels this first time. Betsey may be able to get us a bus to use as we tour around at look at houses.

- **Worldwide Dover Rotary Clubs Zoom Meeting**, Thanksgiving Morning, Inform Marion of your desire to participate by October 31st.
- **Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Master Trainer**: Gregg D and Cate R. have been certified as trainers. If you know anyone who might be interested in hosting a presentation about Adverse Childhood Experiences – their impacts, and how we can create informed communities - please reach out to either of them.

Sergeant at Arms: Kathy L. – October Birthdays, Fines

- David D. – so nice to have read about you! If you cannot name the 2 “S” that are important to Dave you owe \$2. They are singing and sailing!
- Happy birthday to Noreen today! And Yulia, too!

Dover Rotary Spotlight: Dave Drucker

1. How long have you been in Rotary?

I have been a Rotarian for 11 years. I joined Rotary in Utica NY at the urging of my financial advisor, Catherine McEnroe, who is still a member of that club.



2. My favorite Rotary moments:

It was in Utica that I developed a passion for reading to first and second graders once a week in a program that was developed long before I came on the scene. At one time 60 Utica Rotarians participated, but by the time I got involved it was less than a dozen and finally was terminated. We would have continued it forever, but due to a state wide change in education policy, all “extraneous” enrichment offered by non-school personnel was severely cut back or terminated just as I was leaving Utica to head to the NH Seacoast in 2013.

3. Where I currently live and where I grew up:

I live in Dover after 17 years of living in Utica and 17 years before that in Salem MA where I met my

late wife, Mary.

I was born in Ithaca NY and stayed there for all of 6 months, not too many memories of life high above Cayuga’s waters, I’m afraid. After that my life was a whirlwind of

changing residences, Oak Park Illinois, the Bronx, Johnson, Cranston, and Providence, Rhode Island all before I was 7. I did end up in Providence from the 4th grade through graduating from Brown University with a degree in Anthropology. Next it was 5 years in Rochester NY as an anthropology grad student and a staff announcer for WBBF-FM a commercial classical radio station. When it went under on Valentine's day 1976 with me as the last on air announcer [I played Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony], the local public radio station WXXI picked us up.

4. My Hobbies:

My hobbies include the two "s"s, singing and sailing. As a tenor I never have a problem finding a spot in a community chorus or small ensemble. During the pandemic I have been exploring the wonders of virtual performance! Until I came to Seacoast NH I've always had some sort of a sailboat. Not sure if I'll venture down that path again, but I'm severely tempted every other week. Pre-pandemically I indulged in my passion by volunteering as crew on the gundalow "Piscataqua" handling lines four times the diameter of what I had been used to on my 21 foot sloop. When I was in my 50s and academic jobs were drying up yet another time, I retooled as a Museum Director thanks to a magnificent program at Framingham State. The thrill of my life was becoming Museum Director/Manager for the Shako:wi Cultural Center of the Oneida Nation of New York. At last, I had found a niche that matched my skills and talents and was of use to the public!

5. My Business Profession or Current Working or Non-Working Environment:

I've been retired since 2009 and a widower since early 2015 so have had time to devote to one of my first loves – writing. I have been writing poetry since my teen-aged years, but have been more disciplined about it in the past five years writing at least one poem a day. My "The Mary Poems" appeared in 2016 and I have some of my individual poems published in print and online.

6. Something my fellow Rotarians don't know about me:

Something my fellow Rotarians might not know about me is that when I was a pre-adolescent I was a student at Christopher Wren School in London England. As the sole Yank, I was encouraged to provide entertainment to my mates at Christmas, so I played a mock guitar and sang "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" to the whole school at the Christmas Pageant, successfully to my surprise. More to the point, the education I got in the short time I was in First Form [=7 th grade here] was so intensive I didn't have to crack a book to get an A in almost any subject after I got back to the States until the 10th grade although I had been only a fair to middling student in "Merry Olde" [as we jokingly called England].



7. Final words:

My final thought is that the fellowship, sincerity of purpose, and follow through on community service projects that Rotary provides has been a source of comfort to and purpose for me ever since I joined back in Utica in October of 2009. I still can't think of a better way to stay in touch with the pulse of our community here in Dover and to be afforded the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of all of our citizens. It is an honor to be part of a pragmatic outfit that lives up to its ideals.

Next week's spotlight:Betsey Andrews Parker

Birthdays: October

Gregg D.	10/5
Doug L.	10/7
Gary D.	10/10
Joe L.	10/10
Phil R.	10/11
Yulia R.	10/13
Noreen B.	10/14
Melissa L.	10/18
Tom D.	10/26

October: Anniversaries

Heman D.	3 years	10/ 4/2017
Cindy I.	14 years	10/ 4/2006
Cate R.	10 years	10/13/2010
Dave D.	11 years	10/23/2009
Ed H.	29 years	10/23/1991
Tom D.	36 years	10/31/1984



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.