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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER,
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MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15 PM
GOSS BUILDING 121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH

Oct. 23, 2019

Submitted by Noreen B.

Greeter: Cate R.

Pledge: Bob L. **Invocation:** Jerry D. **4-Way Test:** Cate R.

Guests: Cathy Chesley, Becky Field and Speaker Mahbooba Aktharzadah

October Birthdays:

Gregg D, Doug L., Gary D., Joe L., Phil R., Yulia R., Noreen B., Melissa L., Tom D., and John E.

October Anniversaries:

Hemant D, 2 years

Cate R, 9 years

Ed H., 28 years

Tom D., 35 years

50/50 Raffle: Gregg D. picked the 9 of hearts - sorry not a winner - pot grows!!!

Announcements:

Update on Tom D. Tom is doing well, cleared to transfer for PT and waiting for a rehab bed, hopefully at Pease.

Miles the Moose spent last week with Ron R. on his Downeast trip to the Camden, ME area touring the Owls Head Museum and other scenic areas including Searsport, Me. Ute L. will take Miles on a two-week trip to Germany where she will visit her mom. Auf Wiedersehen Miles and Ute!

Bingo: Team 4 had 86 players and sold 13 boxes, this week is Team 1, next week is "Halloween" Bingo.

Foundation: Since the Oct. 24 is World Polio Day for Rotarians, Cate R. described her own connection to Polio (although she was sure no one though she was old enough) during her senior year, serving as the personal care attendant for a young, "lovely" man and quadriplegic victim of polio. She noted how polio is not only a physical but a devastating disease that diminishes its victims mentally and socially, adding, "We (Rotary) do good things."

Interact: Kevin R. used his radio voice and announced only a few (88) calendars needed to be sold to meet the goal for students traveling to Guatemala. Within 5 minutes, thanks to Rotarian generosity, the number came down to 84. Kevin also announced the “New Generation” District Interact Conference will be held at Dover H.S. on Mar. 21, 2020 sponsored by Dover Rotary Club. More info to come.

Pease Greeters: Ken M. does not have dates yet but will focus on Saturdays and Sundays when the Patriots are not playing (apparently very important to Gregg D. and other Rotarians).

Student of the Month: A presentation was made last week to the first student of the month at Dover Middle School. The students from Oct., Nov., and Dec., will be invited to a special evening meeting of the Rotary Club on the 5th Wed. in December at Community Action Partnership’s location on Central Ave. More info to come.

Upcoming Events:

Sat., Oct. 26 - Festival of Trees Committee meeting - 9 a.m. at Harvey’s

Tues., Nov. 19, Thirsty Tuesday Location TBA

Fri., Dec. 6, Festival of Trees at River Mill

Tues., Dec.17, Holiday Party at Frank and Noreen Biehl’s

Fines:

Cate R. gleefully assumed the power of the Sergeant-at-Arms since Tom D. decided to get his heart repaired. She fined tables of Rotarians for not knowing what the Plus in Polio Plus meant. All tables knew the answers except for one and she forgave them - so Cate only fined herself for not wearing a Rotary Pin at an event last week, hosted by Marion C. and the Women’s Council of Realtors. Tom would be proud had he known any of this was happening.

Program: Mahbooba Aktharzadah: Her Journey from Afghanistan to New Hampshire

Not every speaker lights up a room. Mahbooba did. Everything sparkled around her - dangling earrings, red-painted nails even the glint of silver from the rims of her wheelchair. Although she wore bright red suede boots, she could not walk because of polio.

Born in Afghanistan, she was infected with the disease at the age of two. “Because of the war, there was no place to get vaccinated,” she said. Her father suffered a disability from the war and instilled in her a will to succeed despite his friends suggesting she should not go to school and stay at home. Schoolmates insulted her and teachers failed to accommodate her needs, yet Mahbooba conquered physical barriers even crawling up stairs, one by one, to get to a class.

In 2012 she won a full scholarship to attend the Southern New Hampshire University. "It was a hard decision to leave my family and it took lots of hard work," she said, "I had no English for when I came here."

She now speaks 5 languages and said English is one of her favorites. Her hard work ethic led to a degree in Information Technology and Business and a job as an IT Help Desk Technician. A devout Muslim, Mahbooba spends her days working, praying, calling her family and enjoying life with her host family, especially their dog. "Dogs are the best," she laughed. "When I was learning English she would just lay there and listen to me."

Her goals in life are to learn, to teach and "bring positivity" to all she meets. A Rotarian in the back of the room summed up the impact of Mahbooba's visit when he said, "She's amazing."

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.

MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

Monday:

Exeter	Exeter Inn	12:15 PM
Rochester	Governor's Inn	12:15 PM
Wells, ME	The Bull "N Claw	7:30 AM

Tuesday:

Concord	Cat 'n Fiddle Restaurant	12:15 PM
Hampton	Ashworth By the Sea	7:30 AM
Kittery, ME	Kittery Estates	7:30 AM
Kittery After Hours	Weathervane	5:00 PM

Wednesday:

Biddeford-Saco, ME	Captain's Gallery Rest.	12:15 PM
Durham Great Bay	Flag Hill Winery, Lee	7:30 AM
Ogunquit, ME	The Old Village Inn	12 noon

Thursday:

Kennebunk, ME	Boat Yard Restaurant	12:15 PM
Seacoast Rotary	Portsmouth Gas Light	7:30 AM

Portsmouth	Portsmouth Country Club	12:15 PM
Sanford- Springvale, ME	Town Club@Fleet Bank	7:30 AM
South Berwick/ Eliot, ME	SB Community Center	7:15 AM
Friday:		
Bow	Trinity Tavern	7:30 AM
Portland, ME	Portland Club	7:15 AM
York, ME	York Harbor Inn	7:30 AM
Make-up on the web: www.roti.org or www.rotaryclubone.org		