



Oct. 26, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

President Megan K. welcomed members, guests, and speakers to the greatest Rotary in the universe!

Program: Mike McGovern, Chair of Rotary's International Polio Plus

We had the honor of Mike McGovern of the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club to talk about partnering in our District and throughout the world in the fight to end Polio. He mentioned the last time that he had visited our club, a number of years ago, was when we were honoring Tommy Makem’s wife with a Paul Harris recognition.

Recently, Mike traveled to Germany for the World Health Summit. At this summit, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation committed \$1.2 billion to support efforts to end all forms of polio in anticipation of World Polio Day on October 24th.

He talked about COVID and the impact that it has had on many of our members and clubs in being able to come together.

He compared the fight against Polio to a stepladder and how it has a big base that gets harder to climb as you go up. Rotary works hard to immunize kids and that it isn't until you get to the top and you realize the fight is not over until all of the cases are eradicated.

The vaccine has saved over 20 million lives. We cannot imagine the number of those contracting the disease or dying if there was no vaccine. Fighting polio comes at a cost. Front-line workers earn \$5.00 a day to go door to door administering vaccines and have to go back after a few months again. The cost is about \$0.14 to buy the vaccine and almost \$2.00 to deliver. In total, about 291 million vaccinations

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:
Nov. 2: CASA
Nov. 9: Friends Forever
Nov. 16: Dist. Foundation Chair Dave Underhill
Nov. 23: No meeting

Events:
Nov. 5: Garden Cleanup 9am

Pledge: Heather B.
4-Way Test: Heather B.
Guest: S Mike. McGovern - South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club

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were administered. Rotary spends about \$88 million to fund this effort, yet not everyone is reached which is why there are outbreaks in areas like Northern Nigeria, North Yemen, and Eastern part of Congo. Recent cases:

1. Polio in London - environmental positive where injections are used and less than 50% of teenagers were vaccinated
2. Case in Jerusalem (Bethlehem)
3. Polio in New York - 29 year old man in Rockland County

Mike is confident Polio will be eradicated soon. There would be over 350,000 cases if it wasn't for Rotary and the Gates Foundation. Mike thanked the Rotary Club of Dover for our support. He said, "Together we end Polio."

Questions:

1. How has what has happened in Ukraine affected the spread of polio? How about Haiti? In either country, most areas are not worried, only certain neighborhoods

2. Vaccine education in America?

Rotary believes in vaccines. It is the public and state individuals that push for them and it is mainly the Southern states that do not enforce or believe in being vaccinated and it is challenging

Announcements:

Kids Closet: The Committee delivered \$3,500 in gift cards to Dover Middle School to support student learning needs.

BINGO - there were 96 players and we sold 25 boxes. Reminded everyone of the Polio Plus - End Polio Now challenge set for Thursday, October 27th at Dover Bingo and that all proceeds of that evening will go to this challenge. Go Team 4!!!

Rotary Gardens Cleanup – Sat., Nov. 5, 9 am.

Time to clean up the garden, remove annuals and trim perennials. **Lots of help needed.** We look forward to weeding with you!

Festival of Trees - to take place on **Friday, Dec. 2** and hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. Our theme this year is Games (think BIG).

Dates to remember: Anyone interested in joining in the fun:

Sat., Nov. 12- Shopping for the Festival of Trees (time TBD)

Sat., Nov. 26 - Pulling it all together at Noreen's (time TBD)

Homeless Project – Sat., Nov. 19 (time TBD) budget was recently increased \$1,000 by the BOD and looking at \$3,000 for shopping.

DEI Committee - looking for speakers to talk to our club.

Polio Plus Society Pledge Sheets - upcoming Polio Plus challenge

- * The Greatest Meal
- * BINGO Night - Thursday, October 27th
- * Pints for Polio (ice cream pints) - Spring 2023

Happy Bucks:

- * \$2.00 - **Megan K.** as she flies out to Rotary Conference in Monterey Bay with the Peace Corps and hopes to be able to visit the aquarium
- * \$3.00 - **Jim M.** for the tabouli and ham sandwiches at our Greatest Potluck Meal and for last Thursday and the great care at Mass General - WDH of his wife Pam as she fell on the steps at The Farm and broke her wrist and now needs surgery.
- * \$5.00 - **Jon N.** for the Civil War reenactment, the Cemetery tour, and to Mike McGovern and the opportunity to visit the Woodman Museum to see more about Tommy Makem.
- * \$1.00 - **Marion C.** thanking Mike McGovern for joining us.
- * \$5.00 - **Nancy B.** for the opportunity to tell Mike McGovern that it was Mary Makem who was the force behind Tommy Makem and for the remembering of being a nurse and helping those in the iron lungs and for those who passed of polio.
- * \$1.00 - **Malcolm M.** for those documents that make him still make the payments for WDH.
- * \$5.00 - **Julie H.** for the trailer that brought her horse to the beach and the opportunity to drive the truck and share with those that loved to see her horse and the joy it brings.
- * \$1.00 - **Dory P.** - for the joke of the day - What did the football coach say to the bank? I need my quarter-back :)
- * \$1.00 - **Noreen B.** for the opportunity to travel with her daughter and grand-daughter, Sam to Virginia to visit her sister.
- * \$2.00 - **Gregg D.** for the "World's Greatest Meal" and tickets to Carole King show in Ogunquit.
- * \$5.00 - **Heather B.** for the opportunity to travel to Bermuda and the \$1.000 donation from Rotary to the Triangle Club.
- * \$1.00 - **Theresa R.** for her husband coming home that night.

50/50 Raffle: Sorry Jim V. not the 8 of Diamonds!

October Birthdays:

Gregg D. Oct 05
Doug L. Oct 07
Gary D. Oct 10
Joe L. Oct 10
Phil R. Oct 11
Noreen B. Oct 14
Melissa L. Oct 18
Tom D. Oct 26
Julie H. Oct 31

October Anniversaries:

Hemant D. 5 years
Cindy I. 16 years
Cater R. 12 years
Dave D. 13 years
Ed. H. 31 years
Tom D. 38 years