



Oct. 5, 2022 – Broadway & Zoom Meeting, 12:15

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

Thank You: Harry C. for lunch pick-up.

Program: DG Claudia Frost

President Megan introduced, Claudia Frost, District Governor of our District 7780 and member of the Brunswick Rotary Club.

Claudia was born in Maine but later lived in Massachusetts, then moved to Alaska for 17 years (and four children), then to New Jersey for graduate school (with these same four children!), then to North Dakota (no fun there!), then eventually back to Maine. She has been a music educator and choral conductor for much of her career.

Claudia explained the significance of the “Imagine Rotary” logo, emblematic of Jennifer Jones’s term as the first woman president of Rotary International.



2022-23 Theme

The purple circle is an indigenous symbol (Jennifer is Canadian) of people sitting in a circle to make collaborative decisions. The seven dots around the circle represent the seven areas of Rotary focus. The green slash is a digging stick, meaning we all dig in to get

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Oct. 8 – Shred-it Event, 9-noon, St. John’s parking lot

Oct. 12 - Lisa Beaudoin, Executive Director of ABLE NH, Disability Justice Advocates.

Events:

Oct. 15 - Food Drive 10-noon

Pledge: Ed H.

4-Way Test: Frank C. .

Guest: Theresa R.

Today’s newsletter authored by Cathy B.

the work done. The colors purple, green, and white allude to the colors worn by the early 20th century suffragettes.

Claudia's slide show depicted two inverted triangles which showed various layers of Rotary. She explained the layers of each triangle and how they work together and how they interact on a local, national and global scale. She also showed a map of the 39 clubs in District 7780.

What does the District do for clubs? It helps to advance the purpose of Rotary at the local level. It administrates committees, appointments, events, memberships, DEI initiatives, and helps local club committees.

Claudia reviewed Rotary Club of Dover's goals for the year, including for memberships, service projects, donations to Foundation and Polio Plus funds, sustainment of Interact Club, RYLA, and club leadership development. She urged all leaders to learn the latest technology (equipment and navigation of Rotary websites). She encouraged applications for District Grants, and offered that our club's Foundation giving, public image, leadership, and service projects were excellent. She urged members to recruit new members, to believe in DEI, and to participate in Rotary events and conferences, mentioning in particular the very successful, and eye-opening, Recovery Conference which she recently attended.

Claudia mentioned upcoming Rotary events such as the Foundation Celebration in Portland on Nov. 4, a concert on Feb. 14, 2023 (more details to come), and the District Conference next June on Bailey Island which will feature guest speaker Lonnie Hackett about his Zambia project. This will be a "relaxed" conference with bus tours of the island and outdoor activities. Claudia applauded the work of all Rotarians and urged us to continue that good work and to have fun!

Q & A

Malcolm M.: Effects of COVID on memberships?

Claudia: No doubt it's had a considerable effect when clubs shut down meetings or did them solely on Zoom.

Gregg D.: Speak about District initiatives?

Claudia: Oct. 24 is Polio Plus Day and clubs are urged to center activities around that day. Wear red! Gregg mentioned that Dover will be sending receipts from one evening's Bingo proceeds to Polio Plus. This could be several thousand dollars in addition to the \$1500 pledged.

Pres. Megan thanked Claudia for her official visit to Dover and presented her with a gift bag.

Announcements:

Rotary Moment---Marion C. asked all RC of Dover past presidents to stand. These are leaders who can facilitate new leadership. Please turn to them for guidance and assistance as we ask newer members to assume leadership roles. The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon. Feel free to - submit your name to Gregg D. for consideration. Gregg D. added that a By-Law change is coming which will expand the Board from 11 members to an unspecified number between 11 and 15 members.

Megan read a request from The Pope Humane Society asking for volunteers for their largest fundraiser, Haunted Overload. The event runs Thursdays-Sundays throughout October. It's a fun (and spooky) way to raise money for homeless animals. Here is the signup link:
<https://signup.com/go/JGJeQRN>.

"Bye Bye Birdie" - Kathy F. needs to know by Friday, Oct. 7 if you would like to attend UNH's production on **Nov. 6th at 2pm**. There will be fellowship after at the Ciao Italia Restaurant in Durham.

Committee Reports:

Bingo--- Ken P. reports Bingo is going well but he could still use more help. He spoke about our needs at the Durham RC meeting this morning. His committee will be offering training for Bingo workers: ticket sellers, callers, call-backs, etc.

Shred Event---Melissa L. reports they're ready with a good number of Interact students in the mix, along with Rotary volunteers. It's this Saturday morning at St. John's Methodist parking lot. It's a lot of fun and their goal is to make \$5,000.

Kids' Closet (name change possibly pending)---Gregg D. will send out a date when the \$5,000 in gift cards will be disbursed to DHS students in need. There will be a similar event for DMS students later on. Horne St. School is possibly in need of Thanksgiving baskets for their kids. More details to follow.

Shoe & Boot program---Nick P. reported he's visiting the three public elementary schools to ascertain needs. At Horne St., it is estimated that at least 40 pairs of boots will be needed.

Happy Bucks:

Phil R.: \$3--- for loan of tent from Gregg D. for Respite area at Apple Harvest, for AHD being over after a 13-hour workday, and for care at WDH after his lips swelled up!

Melissa L.: \$31 for her 31 days of non-profit giving in October.

Marion C.: \$5 for Claudia's visit.

Frank C.: \$5 for safe family members in Florida.

Malcolm M.: \$1 for Phil's lips and \$1 for visit with son to Lambeau Field to see Patriots lose to Packers.

Gregg D.: \$2 for his and his bride's birthdays.

Ed H.: \$1 for his Naples home sustaining no hurricane damage.

Doug L.: \$1 for visits from all his kids and \$1 self-imposed fine for birthday and anniversary mispronunciations!

Claudia F.: \$5 for her quacking purse and \$1 for Marion's valuable help during her term.

Expect similar numbers at other schools. Nick is looking at transitioning the program from a voucher from Red's to a gift card to Red's program. He expects to approach the Board for a budget increase for this vital program.

Food Drive---Oct. 15 from 10-12 at parking lot next to Tuckers. Please fill your bag and also take more bags to pass along to neighbors and friends. All proceeds will be sent to Gather. Noreen B. will make the flyer for this event; unsure if we need the A-frame signs.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Doug L. read a lot of October names and dates and pronounced some of them correctly! He then led us in a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday to all! Doug L. also asked a question for his neighbor: will there be a Christmas decorating contest this year? Answer: probably, as we put money in the budget.

50/50 Raffle: \$446 in the pot. Winning ticket was Melissa's but her 3 of Spades draw was not the winner.