



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER, NH
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Oct. 7, 2020 - Rotary Club Meeting Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Noreen B.

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

Pledge: All

Moment of Reflection: Gregg D. Prayer for Community

Rotary Moment: Rotarians invest in their communities through the projects and their commitment to improve the lives of others: Volunteers give of their time and treasure to make that happen. Let's track the volunteer time we give to our community during the month of October. At the end of the month, the club will add up all the hours - for Rotary or other community volunteer activities - keep track!!!

4-Way Test +1: All

Guest Speaker: Sarah Robinson, Senior Project Manager, Reaching Higher New Hampshire

Sarah Robinson is the Senior Project Manager for Reaching Higher, NH, a non-partisan, non-profit organization based in Concord. Reaching Higher provides data and policy analysis, news reporting and educational materials focused on public education in New Hampshire. Among other accomplishments, Reaching Higher New Hampshire has developed Community Profiles which provide policy makers with data on such topics as Student Outcomes, School Finance Indicators, Community Environments and Student and Teacher Diversity. The goal is to provide a total picture of public education in New Hampshire.

According to Sarah Robinson, Reaching Higher NH's *Commission to Study School Funding* focuses on public education as one of our state's most precious assets. For over 20 years, the ongoing public and judicial debate regarding NH school funding has centered on the costs, quality and outcomes of public school education. Sarah noted the total investment in school funding in NH of \$15,000 per student comes from a combination of local and state taxes. The state tax is a portion of the property tax - raised locally. As public debate continues, the Commission seeks input from all levels of government and community members.

Rotarians raised questions about tax equity, concerns about lack of education dollars in lower income communities and the legal process that will ultimately end up in the hands of our state's legislators for a vote. When? Sarah said she didn't know, noting the "delicacy of NH politics."

Sarah invited Rotarians interested in learning more or providing feedback to contact her at sarah@reachinghighernh.org to set up a 15 min. discussion or visit their website at reachinghighernh.org for more information.

Announcements

Thank You to Noreen B, our BING writer for today; to Frank and Noreen B. for decorating the Rotary Garden at Henry Law Park, and to all who have volunteered to deliver food this month.

Foundation Minute: Bob L.'s PHF points are still available for members interested in reaching their goals. Contact Jim M.

Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- Oct. 14, Zoom Meeting**, Bonaventure Fandohan,
Community and Economic Development Rotary Action Group
- Oct. 20, Board of Director's Zoom Meeting**, 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20, Together on Tuesday**, TBD
- Oct. 21, Club Assembly Live Meeting, Dover Bowl**
- Oct. 21, Children's Library Recognition Event**, 3 - 4 p.m.
- Oct. 24, World Polio Day**
- Oct. 28, Dave Underhill**, Seacoast SCORE Zoom Meeting

Updates:

Million Mask Challenge: Malcolm M.

A large truck arrived in Portland last weekend with "large Rotary linkage" that drew a group of 50-75 Rotarians from Dist. 7780 to receive the donation of a million masks. The event was appropriately covered by local media as individual clubs picked up allotted masks. Our club received 3,000 masks to be distributed to 10 groups of essential workers in the weeks ahead. Volunteers to help distribute masks include: Tom D., Doug L., Cate R., Dave D., Nick P., Phil R., Melissa L., Nancy B., and Noreen B. Gregg will work with the volunteers next week to organize the distribution.

Bingo Update: Jerry D.

Last week's Bingo maxed out at 60 players and sold 13 boxes!!!

Shredding event - Laurie W.

The overly successful event raised \$4,000, two trucks have been reserved for next year and the final boxes were picked up.

Holiday Decorations Contest:

Melissa said the contest (Dec. 6-12) is on a separate FB page and in the event section of Rotary's FB page. Share the event and spread the word.

Shoe and Boot:

56 pairs of shoes have been purchased for a cost of \$1500 - Phil R. noted Red's Shoe Barn gave the club a substantial \$500 credit.

Fines: none this week

Dover Rotary Spotlight: Betsey Andrews Parker

1. How long have you been in Rotary?

20 years

2. My favorite Rotary moments:

Shortly after I joined Rotary, I found out that I was expecting my first child. I loved sitting with Doc Wilson who gave me tons of advice for my new baby. Ozzy was one of my first visitors in the hospital (he volunteered at WDH and made me promise to call the volunteer office to let him know). Gary D. shared some very special parental advice with me that I cherish. They were all there for this very special part of my life.

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

I live in Dover but grew up in Concord, NH. I like to say that Dover is just like Concord but with better access to the ocean. I love being part of the Dover community.

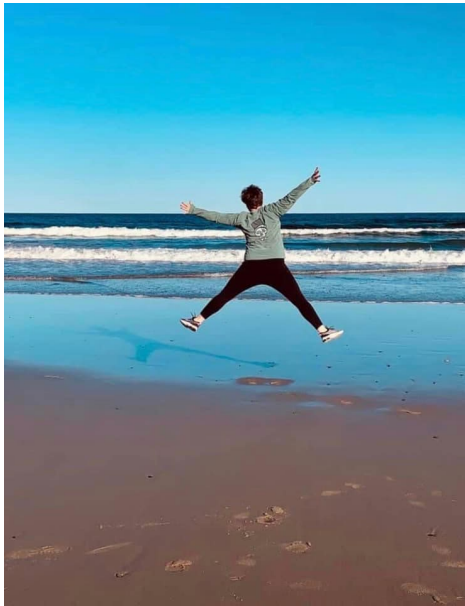
4. My Hobbies:

I love to ski, sit on the beach, walk my dogs, take photos, and travel. I won't say I am a runner but I do enjoy the Dover Race series, have plans for Reach the Beach in 2021 and I get killer splat points at Orange Theory. Pre-covid, I spent a lot of time cheering on my kids from the sidelines, working concession stands or driving to every sport field or band show in New England.

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



I am the CEO of Community Action Partnership of Strafford County and celebrated my 10th anniversary this September. I can honestly say that I look forward to going to work each day with an incredible team.



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

I went to Space Camp. After the Challenger, a school in Scottsdale, AZ raised money to send two students from Concord to Space Camp. I was chosen to attend with another student from Concord. I was in 7th grade. It was my first plane ride and we went without parents! It was an incredible experience to be one of 400 kids with only 13 females at camp. The work of STEM is so incredibly important for rising middle school students, especially girls, in our schools.

7. Final words:

There are incredible opportunities to be engaged with Rotary and flexibility depending on where you are in your life. I appreciate the support from

my fellow Rotarians over the years and connections I have made. I look forward to another 20 years.

Next week's spotlight: David Drucker

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.