



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER,  
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## Sept. 16, 2020 - Rotary Club Meeting Zoom Meeting

**Submitted by** Jim V.

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

**Pledge:** All

**Invocation:** Gregg - reflection on the interesting season with hopes of a great out-  
come for our country

**4-Way Test +1:** All

**Guests:** None

### Announcements:

#### Upcoming meetings:

Sept. 22 - Together on Tuesday (aka Thirsty Tuesday) at Gary D.'s home - Marion  
will send details and sign up info.

Sept. 23 - In-person, socially distanced meeting at Dover Bowl. Lunch provided. \$5  
tip per person for staff, mask required. RSVP

Sept. 24 - Bike rack installation location tour with City. Several people volunteered to  
participate.

Sept. 30: - Zoom meeting. Speaker will be Clifton West, Director, BLM Seacoast.

### Program: Club Assembly

FROM THE BOARD

Purchased 250 *Purple for Polio* crocuses to support Polio Plus fundraiser of Portland Sun-  
rise club.

TREASURER

Report will be sent out to the membership. Not attempted to produce here in BING.

MEMBERSHIP

60 current, one is Honorary Doug Glennon to allow him to continue to manage our technology.

Membership Promotions in the plans – Rotary Face masks, Together on Tuesday to invite new members.

#### LITERACY

Largely on hiatus, inquiries in at Woodman School to see if dictionary project to go forward. Traveling tales parked.

#### LIBRARY DEDICATION

October 21, 3pm outside dedication. There will be small group tours (8 limit). There will be a plaque to recognize our \$75,000 donation.

#### BING

Would love to have more members doing this - email Noreen if interested.

#### ROTARY SPOTLIGHT & PROMOTION

Idea is getting a lot of interest from other clubs.

Social Media – posts made anytime we have a meeting or a speaker, fundraisers, projects

Doug Glennon – kudos for taking social media posts onto website

#### FOUNDATION

Very good year, millions of dollars spent on COVID relief. Still very solvent and active, lots of grants in our district. We have six Paul Harris members, many others are Paul Harris Fellows. Our board wants to encourage donations, especially this year. Club incentive – will provide \$250 additional dollars toward Paul Harris Fellow if min. contribution is at least \$250. We have 32 Paul Harris Fellows in the club.

#### BINGO

Committee has ceded decision-making to the Board, due to COVID. First re-opening was end of August in the afternoon. Board authorized regular BINGO to begin Sept. 10, 2020. 47 players, 4 boxes of tickets, net of \$1,298. About \$237 was from BINGO alone. New program this year, same one as all of the other charities are using; new program designed to prevent any loss, regardless of # of players.

Sheila looking for two ticket sellers for this week. Also think about new scheduling proposal as outlined in Sheila's recent email. Note that her email has changed to a gmail account.

*Board reasoning to return to Bingo:* Infection rates have been low in NH & ME – we can pull the plug if the situation changes or the host organization protocols change.

#### YOUTH SERVICES

New Generation Conference – pushed out to March 20, 2021

Student of the Month also on hold.

SENIOR VISITS – None scheduled at this time.

#### SHOE & BOOT

Budget of \$4,500, so far 117 vouchers. With Red's 20% discount, \$3,744 awarded.

#### MILK & EGG

- Karen Weston has sold Janetos Market. Cate informally met and spoke with the new owner, TJ, and he is enthusiastic about continuing the Milk & Egg program
- Coupon redemption continues to be high. Between June 15<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 302 coupons were redeemed
  - 292 were for both milk & eggs, 10 were just milk
- Thanks to our generous Board and the club, our budget for 2020/2021 was increased to \$5000
  - Our June 15 – September 3 invoice was \$1,309.15
  - If we consider this first invoice to be approximately 10 weeks of redemption, and we annualize it out, that will put us at \$6,645.00 for the year.
- We will continue to monitor redemption and spend to see what if any changes might be considered

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Dormant this time of year. Work is Feb – June.

#### GRANTS & AWARDS

In 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, so far one application that looks like it should go to Board because of large amount requested.

#### INTERNATIONAL

Looking at two possibilities: maybe participating in district initiative for a grant to Nigeria club to assist with COVID response – create an infectious disease unit at national hospital. Nigeria is polio-free, has a good relationship with Rotary.

Orphanage in Kenya – a global grant has been started for that. Currently researching.

#### BACK TO SCHOOL

58 children total involved. Helped in new ways – water bottles because no drinking fountains. Four outstanding students got a special gift. Headphones went to everyone. \$10,789 to spend, \$10,006 spent, rest in reserve for some other needs when students go back to school.

#### ROTARY GARDENS

Clean-up has been done. No decision on mums – need to be sure that there will be water. We are getting purple crocuses – on order.

## FUNDRAISING

No golf tournament this year.

## SHRED EVENT

DHS has shut down use of facilities. Location moved to St. John's Community Church parking lot. Please sign up on sign-up genius. Shredding will be by a professional company.

Marketing – heavily posting on social media, Facebook boost has been done. Sandwich boards at Week's Crossing and downtown. There will be banners also.

Volunteers – several Interact students going to help.

\$2,650 in cash donations raised thus far. Sponsors:

56 South Storage, Lynch Insurance, Tri-City Chrysler, Dodge, Lesniak Home Team, CAP, Edward Jones, Leone, McDonald & Roberts, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Marion & Harry Cheney REMEX, People's Bank, Wyskiel, Boc, Tillinghast & Bolduc, PA, Jim M. in-kind, Profile Bank.

\$5 donation for bags, \$10 per box suggested, much more welcome.

## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS PROJECT

Jim M. working on that.

HOMELESS PROJCT BUDGET has also been set by Board.

## BY-LAWS & POLICY

Making a couple of changes to reflect policy on reserve fund. We've made updates over last several years, so By-laws are in good shape.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Great need in community now – COVID has resulted in increased mental health difficulties.

## MILLION MASK CHALLENGE

100,000 masks to be delivered to Portland City Hall plaza. We may have 1-3K masks to distribute.

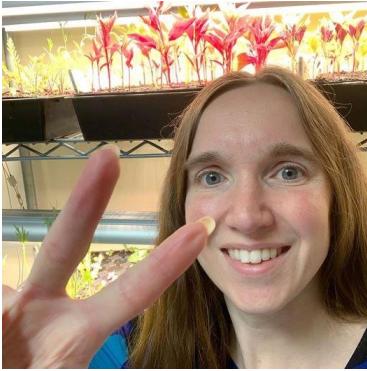
## FINES

Jerry \$1 for being mean to Malcolm and Gregg \$2 for laughing twice

Tom D. for technical challenges, \$2

Kathy fined herself for language (mild)

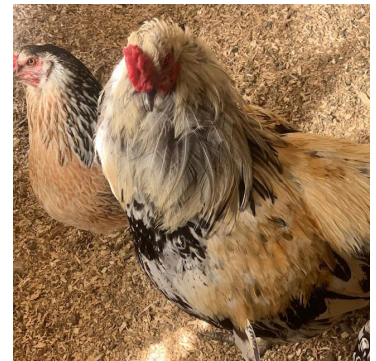
## Dover Rotary Spotlight #1: Rebecca Johnson (aka Mario Andretti)



1. *How long have you been in Rotary?*  
I think maybe 3 years.

2. *My favorite Rotary moments:*  
I love hanging out with the folks at Bingo, both rotarians and non-rotarians. I always get a laugh or two and go home with the awful music from the computers stuck in my head. The back to school program is another one of my favorites. I enjoy the direct and tangible impact we are able to make with that program.

3. *Where I currently live and where I grew up:*  
My husband, Dog Wyatt, Cats Oscar and Damien, Chinchilla Dash, a dozen or so chickens including our Rooster, Goliath and I live in rural South Berwick. We love our quiet little homestead. We have a little cape, a blacksmith shop, lots of bee hives and a large garden where I grow lots of flowers from Spring to Fall. I grew up in



Barrington.

4. *My Hobbies:*  
I live and work my number 1 hobby, which is working with plants and flowers. I grow them, care for them and use them to create art. When I'm taking a break from flowers (which isn't a lot), I like to spend time with my husband and pets. Eric and I go to lots of concerts, movies and theatre productions and can't wait to get back to that again. We love to travel and stay at interesting airbnbs along the way.

5. *My Business Profession or Current Working or Non-Working Environment:*  
I am first and foremost a small business owner. This means that I am the accountant, customer service, creator, sales person, delivery person and custodian. I love it! Flowers are my passion and I'm lucky that my passion is also my career.



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

You can make it to Bangor, ME from Dover, NH in 1hour and 15 minutes or from Harrisburg, PA to Dover, NH in 6hrs and 20 minutes if you let me drive.

*7. Final words:*

I think my final words will be something like "look out for that tree!"

**Next week's spotlight: Ken Plante**

**Birthdays: September**

Doug G. Sept. 3

Terrie H. Sept. 13

Rebecca J. Sept. 14

Bob L. Sept. 30

**Anniversaries: September**

Jim M. 30 years

Dan S. 36 years

Noreen B. 32 years

Kathy F. 20 years

**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.