

Rotary Opens Opportunities

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## Sept. 30, 2020 - Rotary Club Meeting Zoom Meeting

**Submitted by** Kathy L.

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

**Pledge:** All

**Moment of Reflection:** Gregg D.

**Rotary Moment:** October theme is Economic and Community Development. Rotary supports investments in people to create measurable and enduring economic improvement in their lives and communities.

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

### Guest Speaker: Clifton West Jr. Black Lives Matter Seacoast

Clifton West Jr. is a founding member of Black Lives Matter Seacoast having been inspired by the work of Black Lives Matter of Nashua and Manchester. He is a resident of Barrington having moved to New Hampshire from North Carolina in 2016. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science with a minor in mathematics from Western Carolina. He is a software developer for Lincoln Financial Group. Clifton has been active in the work of Black lives Matter Seacoast and recently organized the rally held in Henry Law Park in Dover.

Upcoming Gala, future opportunities to help, Clifton can be reached via email: [clifton.west@blmseacoast.com](mailto:clifton.west@blmseacoast.com)

## Announcements

Thank You to Kathy L., our BING writer for today and thank you to all who volunteered to write BING for the remainder of the year.

Thank you to the Shred Event Committee for a job well done! ~\$4K raised!

Thank you to everyone volunteering for food delivery.

**Shred Event: Committee**

- From Melissa, thank you to everyone for your help, it will be an annual event. We had over 100 cars with over 36 bins to shred. Thank you to St. John' United Methodist Church for hosting us. Who sends a thank you? Per Melissa, we send a donation in the name of the Dover Rotary

### **Foundation Minute: Jim M.**

- Ran into Bob LaPointe, great to see him, he has 200 recognition points he would like to give to the club to give to a deserving member. Let Jim know if you would like to collect the points, 1<sup>st</sup> one to let him know – wins! Was recently Bob's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events:**

- **Million Mask Challenge** - Malcolm M. October 6<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm Portland media event with Rotary logo on it to distribute the masks. Malcolm will attend, and others are welcome to join as well. Gives us a bank of 3,000 masks to help our community. Per Gregg we have reached out to several organizations to distribute – police and fire are well set, schools need help, SOS needs help, CAP has been contacted as well.
- October 7<sup>th</sup>- Zoom Meeting, Sarah Robinson, Reaching Higher NH
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, Zoom Meeting, Bonaventure Fandohan, Community and Economic Development Rotary Action Group
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, Together on Tuesday, TBD
- October 21<sup>st</sup>- Club Assembly Live Meeting
- October 28<sup>th</sup>, Dave Underhill, Seacoast SCORE

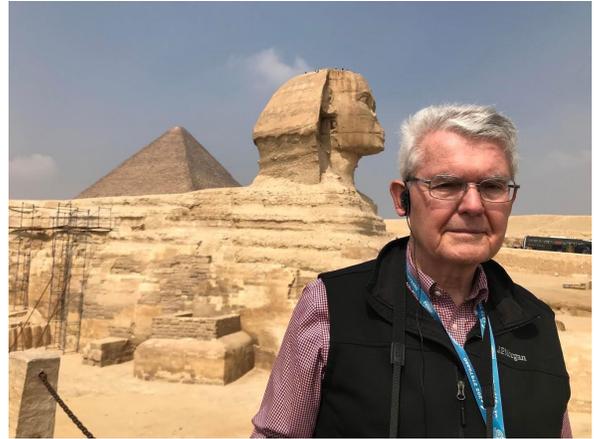
### **Updates:**

- **Rotary Gardens Fall Decorations.** Noreen – will be doing pumpkins, corn stalks and maybe a few mums. Doing the work 10/1 around 10am, feel free to join if you can (Noreen feels that she can manage)
- **Bingo Update:** Jerry D. 50 players, 10 boxes, 3 of them big dogs, awarded 1,300 on progressive, really need volunteers as this is an ongoing issue. Per Gregg, bingo is well run, stop by, and see for yourself and working is an individual decision.
- **Holiday Decorations Contest:** Jim said they have been meeting by email, just about all the details are put together and Noreen will creating an event outline and communication plan.
  - Chamber is also considering doing the holiday festival as a live event in the park this year, Marion will update us
- **Bicycle Rack Installation,** Gregg D., Jim M. identified some places for mounting the racks and should be finalized soon

## Dover Rotary Spotlight: Malcolm McNeill

### 1. How long have you been in Rotary?

I have been in the Dover Rotary Club for 38 years and served as President from 1996 to 1997. For the last three years I have also been the Assistant District Governor with primary District responsibility for the Dover, Rochester, So. Berwick, and Durham Great Bay Rotary Clubs.



### 2. My favorite Rotary moments:

There have been so many in 38 years but four occasions stand out.

I remember the construction and dedication of the Rotary Garden at Henry Law Park during my term as President. This was one of the first large projects we did after becoming successful with our bingo fundraiser. The Garden seemed to set the stage (yes, pun intended) for other large projects like the Rotary Arts Pavilion, the flag pavilion and Kerry Forbes Memorial, Park Street Park and countless other projects and donations large and small most with excellent LINKAGE to the efforts of our Rotary club.

I remember the Rotary Drill Team led by our wonderful deceased member Rev. Dave Slater. There were about 15 of us in business suits and briefcases marching in the Christmas Parade doing intricate (??) marching maneuvers and exchanging briefcases. The crowd loved it. I also am thankful for the opportunity to give the keynote address at both the 90th and 95th Anniversary celebrations of the club. It required me to review the club's amazing history of Service above Self and made me proud of the impact the club has made for what is now approaching 100 years. Few organizations can claim such a record of service.

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

My wife Vi and I have lived in Durham for 47 years. I consider myself a resident of Durham and a citizen of Dover. Vi and I have been married for 51 years and have two wonderful children and two grandchildren.

I grew up in Peabody, Mass. and attended the public schools. My family was a typical Ozzie and Harriet middle class family with my father being a business executive and my mother was a stay-at-home mom. After Peabody High, I attended Tufts University and the best thing that happened to me at Tufts was I met my future wife, Vi, who was also a Tufts student one year behind me. We were married in 1969. Tufts was extremely difficult for me and in my Freshman year I went to the admission office to ask if I was an experimental admission! As time went by, Tufts really prepared me well for Law School at Boston University. I graduated from BU Law in

1971 and thereafter we moved to New Hampshire, bought a house, passed the Bar exam and started work as a freshly minted attorney.

#### *4. My Hobbies:*

I enjoy traveling by land and by sea. My wife and I have visited every continent except



Antarctica. We particularly enjoy the Far East. Our favorites are India and the Taj Mahal, China and the Great Wall, Egypt and the Pyramids, Africa and the Serengeti, Cambodia and Thailand.

I also enjoy playing golf and cruising on my small boat on Great Bay. I enjoyed riding horses with my wife in the Dover Christmas parade until recently when horses were not allowed.

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

I practiced law from 1971 until my retirement in 2014. In the

beginning, I was a general practitioner and handled both civil and criminal cases but this all changed in 1981 when I represented Dover Rotarian Kerry Forbes when his housing project was denied in Dover despite the fact that it completely complied with the law. The planning board listened to the neighbors and not the law. The denial was promptly overturned in court proving, in fact, that one could fight city hall and win.

Thereafter, developers and municipalities became my constant clients seeking approvals usually for large projects and advice on planning and zoning issues. It was a difficult practice in that my clients were very sophisticated and demanding and hearings were conducted at night and trials in the daytime were frequent. My major clients were Walmart, Home Depot, McDonalds, Market Basket, Liberty Mutual, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Huggins Hospital etc., as well as significant residential real estate developers. I appeared before the NH Supreme Court about 40 times and also appeared countless times in lower courts. On the municipal side I assisted many cities and towns, the most memorable of which was the representation of the Town of Newington relative to the transition of Pease AFB to civilian uses.

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

For over 20 years I sang in church with the St. Thomas More folk group in Durham! My goal in life was to be a major league baseball player. The closest I came was in

my senior year in high school when I pitched against Tony Conigliaro who later became a star for the Boston Red Sox. There were about 15 major league scouts in suits at the game. The first ball Tony hit off me was an easy ground out to third base. His next time up he hit a ball off me that is still in orbit ! The Red Sox chose Tony and not me!

#### *7. Final words:*

The imposition of COVID-19 restrictions has made it clearer to me than ever, that Rotary is all about person to person contact with likeminded Rotarians dedicated to doing good for the less fortunate. ZOOM is no real substitute for the personal side of Rotary. Hopefully, when the virus is defeated, we can get together and return to spreading the good news of Rotary to others and renew doing strong, community based projects.

#### **Next week's spotlight: Betsey Andrews Parker**

#### **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.