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Sept. 9, 2020 - Rotary Club Meeting Zoom Meeting

Submitted by Gregg D.

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

Pledge: All

Invocation: Turning the page to a new season, reflect on the upcoming fall season and our continued handling of the Covid-19 crisis.

Rotary Moment: Literacy Month: Over 775 million people over age 15 are illiterate worldwide. Over 250 million children do not have basic reading and math literacy.

4-Way Test +1: All

Visiting Rotarians: Carolyn Johnson of Yarmouth Rotary

Program: Carolyn Johnson - Literacy Rotary Action Group

Carolyn Johnson served as District 7780 Governor in 2013-14. She is chair of Literacy Rotary Action Group, LITRAG, an organization within Rotary committed to increasing awareness of the severity and impact of illiteracy, increasing awareness of Rotarians, and supporting them to implement education projects that strengthen the capacity of communities. She is also an advisor to Rotary Foundation's Water Sanitation and Hygiene in Schools programs and Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy Cadre. In 2008 Carolyn received Rotary's Service Above Self Award. Carolyn is a highly respected educational leader in Maine and around the nation having been recognized as a Maine Distinguished Educator and founder of the Culture of Reading Program for Guatemala Literacy Project.

Carolyn presented an overall view of Rotary's efforts to address literacy around the world and through its areas of focus. She shared the goals of LITRAG and how efforts are being made to provide access to education, especially in the new educational world as we confront the Corona virus. Technology, providing equal opportunity, and expanding resources for children and adults worldwide are important goals as we enter the new school year.

Carolyn shared success stories such as the work of Waterville, Maine Rotary Club with "Rhoda Reads". Barbara Walsh is a Maine author and the club has highlighted her work using Rhoda's Rescue, a story of serving others.

She also shared "Summer Slide", a program of Martinsburg, West Virginia Rotary to provide books to children over the summer. A "Free Reading" program in Scarborough, Canada and a "Butterfly Storybook" project of the Caribbean E-Club were also identified.

A project closely connected to and with the potential to support our work with middle school students was "Excited to Serve", a project of the Rotary Club of Benecia, CA and Andre Lewis. It focuses on the 4-Way test and is geared for middle school students. Carolyn will send us information regarding this program.

Any Rotarian may join the web presentations of LITRAG and several of our Dover Rotarians have participated this year.

Announcements

Thank You: Doug L., Noreen B. and Gregg D. for the garden cleanup this past weekend. We will also have more work to do when the weather allows us to plant mums in the garden. Stay tuned!

Foundation Minute: Jim M. noted that Carolyn had done a great job promoting the work of the Foundation on literacy and the importance of supporting those efforts. He used this opportunity to discuss a new project for Dover Rotary featuring Holiday Decorating. He is proposing we develop a decorating contest for bragging rights. This would be an opportunity to create some excitement around the holidays and community fellowship during a season that is surely to be different than in the past. Doug L., Melissa L., Megan K., Gregg D., Betsey A.P., and Cara S. offered to assist in the planning of this event.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

September 16th, Club Assembly (Committee chairs will report on activities to date)

September 22nd, Thirsty Tuesday at DeColfmacker residence. (More info to follow)

September 23rd, Club meeting (Face to mask at Dover Bowl)

September 25th, Tentative date for Bicycle Rack installation

September 26th, Shredding Event Dover High School

Updates:

Spread the Shred - Share the news!

The Shredding Event is scheduled for September 26th and the committee will be sending a Sign-Up Genius for club members to identify time slots they will be able to

assist. This is a great opportunity for shared fellowship, a time to promote the good work of Dover Rotary, and opportunity to fundraise for our worthwhile projects in the community. We already have sponsorships of \$2000.00 and expect others will step forward. Looking forward to a great turnout for this event that will provide a valuable community service.

Food Distribution: Sign-up Genius is also available for Rotarians to help out with the food delivery from First Parish Church to CAPSC on Tuesdays and return of bins on Thursdays. Please log on to Jim V.'s e-mail link and sign up.

Back to School: Betsey A.P. reported that we are in the final stages of preparing children to return to school virtually next week. We have the headphones and much of the needed supplies. Melissa L. and Betsey will be finishing up shopping this weekend.

Policy Committee: A first draft of the Reserve Fund Policy has been developed and will be reviewed by the committee on Monday for presentation to the board on Tuesday.

Fundraising Committee: Rotarians interested in working on fundraising will be contacted in the near future for a zoom meeting.

Bingo: We are set for our first Bingo night this week, but Rotarians willing to assist with Bingo should let Sheila know they can help. We will need to staff the games again next week. We hope to host 30-40 people Thursday evening for our first game since March.

CLUB GOALS:

Community involvement will be a goal this year, especially in light of the many changes in our environment due to COVID-19. One area we are considering is to assist those individuals seeking jobs. Interview skills and resume writing are often areas in which job seekers need assistance. We have the resources and knowledge that can help. We will develop future plans around that idea.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Filling in for Kathy L., Melissa L. levied fines of \$1.00 to anyone who had failed to respond yea or nay to Sheila's request for Bingo volunteers.

Happy Dollars: Gregg D. had a Happy Dollar for a great weather weekend to end the season.

Dover Rotary Spotlight #1: Kalina Lesseva

1. How long have you been in Rotary?

I joined the Rotary club of Dover in February of 2018, so that makes it a little over 2 years. I was instantly overwhelmed by the warmth and fellowship offered by the club.

2. My favorite Rotary moments:

My most favorite moment was the support I received by the club when I became a US Citizen. Many Rotarians made the trip up to Yarmouth, Maine to see me and cheer on me while I took the oath.



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

I currently live in Wells, ME. I have lived in York County since I moved to the US from Bulgaria in 2006. I grew up in Bulgaria and moved to the US right after I turned 21. At first it was just an adventure, but soon after my move, I realized that this is where I belong.

4. My Hobbies:

I love being physically active. I grew up playing different sports and if you ask my mom she will tell you that there isn't a sport that I haven't tried. My latest interest are Olympic weight lifting and CrossFit. I also enjoy traveling. I wish I could do more of it and I'm sure I will once we can travel again safely.



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

My current title is VP Residential Lending Officer. I work for Kennebunk Savings Bank, and I have worked here for 8 years. I did not go to school for banking or even anything related to banking, but somehow a small leap turned into a career. I started working at the bank as a teller and moved through many positions and promotions to where I am today.

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

I am afraid of heights, terrified of spiders, and I can use nunchucks.



7. Final words:

I love being part of the Rotary club of Dover. Being so far away from my family is often hard. I have felt welcomed and cared for since my first meeting with the club.

Thank you to Jim Munro for introducing me to the club and to all of you Rotarians for making it feel like family.

Dover Rotary Spotlight #2: Doug Locy



1. How long have you been in Rotary?

I had joined Dover Rotary two years ago in July of 2018 at the recommendation of our gracious neighbors Noreen and Frank Biehl.

2. My favorite Rotary moments:

As a “newbie” within Rotary my favorite moments are probably yet to come, maybe pulling the ace of spades again with a winning ticket. Seriously though, I mostly enjoy the camaraderie within the Club and I’ve met many great and

dedicated volunteers. I believe giving back to our community and helping the less fortunate, be it senior visitations, planting and mulching our Park gardens, delivering food, helping with Rotary Bingo or making worthy contributions are all rewarding moments. I believe providing school back packs and recognizing “students-of-the-month” were my favorites.

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

I’m a Midwesterner, growing up in Nebraska and Illinois, living and working in Chicago before my company transferred me to New Jersey and subsequently to Massachusetts in 1972. I finally settled in Newburyport where I met Lorrie. We had lived there for 45 years until relocating to Dover about four years ago.

4. *My Hobbies:*

Besides woodworking, the gym and reading, today Lorrie and I love working on our new home while enjoying the benefits that come from living in such a beautiful setting on the river here in Dover. We are also looking forward to traveling again, visiting our kids and grandchildren spread across the country, in addition to touring Europe and the Caribbean.



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

After graduation I began my engineering career with Western Electric (Lucent Technologies, Bell Labs). Although I had enjoyed my 34 years in engineering and management, it never provided the satisfaction that comes from creating and building



things. Having had the opportunity to retire 20 years ago has allowed me to enjoy and enhance my hobbies and volunteerism. While in Newburyport I was heavily engaged in many civic and social organizations. I chaired the Planning Board and the Waterfront Trust. I was president and still am a member and of the Dalton Club, led several historic preservation initiatives and had worked closely with the Mayor and members of the City Council.

don't know about me:

6. *Something my fellow Rotarians*

Fate brought us to Dover. We had never considered leaving Newburyport when we had seen this property in Dover from a real estate advertisement on Zillow. A habit of mine was browsing these RE apps checking out historic homes. There was this beautiful drone flyover video on YouTube of the Bellamy River, the reservation and Royalls Cove that spiked my interest, the house not so much. After dining up in

Portsmouth we drove by the property out of curiosity. Ironically the agent was there with a couple that had the property under agreement. We stopped by, gave the agent our number then went back to our lives in Newburyport. She called us a week later saying that the agreement fell through and are we interested? Not really, but I gave her a low bid on the property anyway. It was Christmas Eve when we had received her call saying our bid was accepted. After some major home renovations, the rest is history.



7. Final words?

Moving to Dover was a decision that far exceeded our expectations. And joining Rotary had put the frosting on that cake. Thank you, Noreen and Frank for introducing me to this great organization.

Next week's spotlight: Rebecca Johnson

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.