



Sept. 13, 2023 – In-person & zoom meeting, 12:15

President Kathy welcomed all to the Rotary Club of Dover

Paul Harris Presentation: Jim M. presented Gregg D. with a Paul Harris + 3 pin, thanking him for supporting the Rotary Foundation

Program: Dan McMillan: Save Democracy in America

Dan McMillan founded and leads Save Democracy in America, a non-partisan campaign to get big money out of politics. He holds a Ph.D. in German History from Columbia University and a law degree from Fordham. He has taught college-level history and prosecuted criminal cases for the Brooklyn DA's Office. In 2014, he published an acclaimed book for the general public about why the Holocaust happened. Dan first came to NH in the 1980s for the ice climbing near North Conway and he has made three ascents of El Capitan in Yosemite valley, the highest wall in North America.

Dan spoke passionately about the need to change how we experience elections in America and how we the people can break the tyranny of money-controlled politics. Dan feels that our current system is dividing America because politicians are chasing the dollars instead of listening to the needs of the people. Promises are continuously broken, big money companies control the conversation, and we no longer have a voice in our own government.

Dan believes if we change to a system of voter financed elections, we will gain back control. His organization's plan is for the government to provide all voters with a sum of money they can use to support their preferred candidates. In this manner, candidates must go to individual voters to finance their campaigns. Until we implement this type of system, Dan stressed, big conglomerates like "big pharma" and "big oil" will continue to own the politicians and determine the direction of our country. He believes we can do this with a groundswell of support from places like NH. He stated that we must rally people on both sides, conservatives and liberals, to make this happen. In his opinion, it is just common sense. Dan took questions and responded to comments regarding the actions of the Supreme Court supporting large contributions, where the money would come from to finance this approach, and how term limits

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Meetings:

Sept. 20: Club Assembly

Events:

Sept. 19: Together on Tuesday- Doug Locy home, 185 Spur Rd, Dover, NH

Sept. 23: Garden Cleanup – 9 am

Oct. 14: Shred It recycling 9 am St. John's Methodist Church

Pledge: Harry C.

4-Way Test: Nancy B.

Guests: Michael Roscoe, Dakotah Wilson and Dan McMillan

Visiting Rotarian: Harvey Bernier

Today's newsletter authored by Gregg D.

would impact the current system. He concluded by stating, "American people clamor for change but lack a plan. This is a plan based on American ideals."

Announcements:

Foundation: Jim M. reported there will be a meeting this week with new members to discuss various ideas for projects the club could adopt to leverage our funds and district grant funds. He explained that there are several ideas worth exploring.

Bingo: Ken P. reported on our first bingo night last week at the new Bingo hall in Rochester. Four Rotary Clubs teamed together to host 108 players and sold 25 boxes of tickets. The new plan worked well and we anticipate the game will continue to flourish.

Board of Directors Meeting: The Board will meet next Tuesday, Sept 19, at The Chamber of Commerce Office at 12:30 PM and all members are invited to attend.

Together on Tuesday: Doug L. announce that he and his wife, Laurie, are happy to host everyone next week, Sept. 19th at their home, 185 Spur Road in Dover. They will have beer, wine, soft drinks available and everyone is invited to bring something to share for dinner. Kayaks and a paddleboard will be available for the adventurous.

Mental Health: Gregg D. announced there are two events scheduled promoting mental health awareness. The **District 7780 2nd Annual Recovery Conference** is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21st in Portland, ME at the Italian Heritage Center. As a sponsor of the event, Dover Rotary has complimentary tickets available if anyone is interested in attending. The "**Out of the Darkness**" walk promoting suicide prevention and awareness is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd at Henry Law Park starting at 10:30 AM. Everyone is invited to join in this activity.

Happy Bucks:

Jim M. is happy to be co-chairing the District 7780 DEI Committee and shared a story with members from the Zone meeting he attended.

Brendon M. is happy to be presenting to the Dover City Council as they consider "Service Dog Awareness Month" and happy to have been interviewed on "Shark" radio regarding same.

Harvey B. is happy to be headed back to Mexico next week and being associated with two outstanding Rotary Clubs.

Jay S. is happy to have spent a week with family on the Outer banks of North Carolina despite having to deal with the aftereffects of a hurricane.

Gregg D. is happy to have Bingo operating again and for Ken P. and Cate R. 's leadership in the effort.

Kathy F. for 23 years in Rotary.

50/50 Raffle: Kathy F. drew the winning ticket, but not the winning card. The pot grows!

September Birthdays:

David B. Sep 11
Terrie H. Sep 13
Brendan M. Sep 13
Rebecca J. Sep 14

September Anniversaries:

Jim M. 33 years
Dan S. 39 years
Noreen B. 35 years
Kathy F. 23 years