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**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF DOVER,  
NH SINCE 1924**

**MEETS WEDNESDAYS AT 12:15 PM  
GOSS BUILDING 121 BROADWAY, DOVER, NH**

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**Nov. 6, 2019**

**Submitted by** Noreen B.

**Pledge:** Suzanne Weete **Invocation:** Moment of Silence **4-Way Test +1:** Dave D.

**Guests:** Suzanne Weete, Community Partners

**Visiting Rotarian:** Peter Johnson

**Greeter:** Tracey T.

**50/50 Raffle:** Ken M. had the ticket but did not pick the Ace of Spades to win \$693.  
The pot grows!!!

## **Announcements:**

**Thank you** from Bestey AP for Rotary contributions to the recently dedicated Head Start Playground.

**Tom D. Update:** Jerry D. visited Tom recently and he is doing better and getting around - he even voted!

**Well-wishes** to Kathi L. for her pending knee surgery.

**Pease Greeters:** Ken M. noted last Sunday's Pease Greeting event was "outstanding" and he thanked President Melissa for her participation.

**Presentation:** President Melissa re-presented Suzanne Weete a BIG check for \$500 as a reminder of Rotary's recent support of community efforts to increase awareness of mental health/illness and suicide prevention. Suzanne said the funds were donated to the "Choose Love" Foundation - Scarlett Lewis's worldwide efforts to bring "social and emotional learning" into educational curriculums.

**Veteran Recognition:** Melissa presented flag pins to Rotarian veterans in honor of their service. Recipients included: Ken M. - US Army, Gregg D. - US Navy, Bob L. - US Navy (recently returned from an emotional and memorable Honor Flight to Washington, DC), Frank C. - US Army, Phil R. - US Army and visiting Rotarian Peter Johnson - US Air Force.

## **Committee Updates:**



**Festival of Trees Committee:** Rotarians were asked to choose a country and contribute ornaments or toys which can be used on and around the tree or make a donation to purchase decorations. The tree crafting group will be selecting decorations on Sat. Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. (Hobby Lobby) and assembling decorations on Nov. 30 at Noreen's home.

**Bingo Committee:** Last week's Halloween Bingo hosted 103 players and sold 20 boxes. Team 3 up this week.

**Foundation Report:** Nancy B. announced the club collected \$177 during the month for Polio Plus. Two minutes later she announced an anonymous donor matched the donation.

**Interact:** Kevin R. announced tickets have been purchased for the trip to Guatemala and the New Generations Conference will be Mar. 21, 2020 - more to come. NYC trip this weekend.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Thurs., Nov. 14 - Satellite Exploration Meeting at CAP, 8 a.m.

Tues., Nov. 19 - Thirsty Tuesday at La Festa, 5-7 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 4 - Club Meeting and Club Assembly

Fri., Dec. 6 - Festival of Trees at River Mill

Tues., Dec. 17 - Thirsty Tuesday Holiday Get Together at Biehl's residence.

### **Fines: Waiting for Tom D. to return**

### **Program: Peter Johnson - The India Project**

Past District Governor, Foundation Chair and Rotary world traveler Peter Johnson began his talk by asking questions. The first question was directed at President Melissa. Why did she become a member of the Paul Harris Society? Members commit to annual donations of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. After her 13 years of experience and travels with Rotary, she said she joined to "give back."

Peter and his Rotarian wife Carolyn Johnson have been giving back in many ways for many years. They just returned from Bangalore, India, to witness how the Dover Rotary Club's donation of \$1,000 last year, coupled with other club donations, resulted in a \$46,000 literacy grant and helped install educational programs and projection systems in 34 rural school buildings for grades 7, 8, 9 and 10.

"These systems are powerful and bring the curriculum to life," he said. In gratitude for the donation, signs with the names of the donating Rotaries are erected in each school and the students and teachers appointed Peter "Crown Prince for a Day." He

brought the proof of his princeliness as he donned a silk shawl, elaborate necklace and impressive headgear all while sporting his signature bow tie.

India is a country of dramatic contrasts where 1.2 billion people, speak 16 languages; some students go to excellent private schools and others go to government run schools where students in multiple grades co-exist in as few as two rooms - girls on one side, boys on the other side. Yet, they aspire to learn. Peter noted in other countries he has visited, if students choose to not go to school, nobody cares. In India, students are mandated to attend school through the 10th grade and attendance is strictly monitored. He emphasized the commitment of the 5,500 Rotarians in Bangalore-West who contribute the most of any Rotary district in the world with donations of over \$3 million.

Peter and Carolyn Johnson will soon join Dover Rotary's Interact students on their trip to Guatemala next year.

#### 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.

#### MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

##### Monday:

Exeter	Exeter Inn	12:15 PM
Rochester	Governor's Inn	12:15 PM
Wells, ME	The Bull "N Claw	7:30 AM

##### Tuesday:

Concord	Cat 'n Fiddle Restaurant	12:15 PM
Hampton	Ashworth By the Sea	7:30 AM
Kittery, ME	Kittery Estates	7:30 AM
Kittery After Hours	Weathervane	5:00 PM

##### Wednesday:

Biddeford-Saco, ME	Captain's Gallery Rest.	12:15 PM
Durham Great Bay	Flag Hill Winery, Lee	7:30 AM
Ogunquit, ME	The Old Village Inn	12 noon

**Thursday:**

Kennebunk, ME	Boat Yard Restaurant	12:15 PM
Seacoast Rotary	Portsmouth Gas Light	7:30 AM
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Country Club	12:15 PM
Sanford-		
Springvale, ME	Town Club@Fleet Bank	7:30 AM
South Berwick/ Eliot, ME	SB Community Center	7:15 AM

**Friday:**

Bow	Trinity Tavern	7:30 AM
Portland, ME	Portland Club	7:15 AM
York, ME	York Harbor Inn	7:30 AM

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