



Rotary Changeover Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Welcome today to my last Rotary Club of Dover meeting as your current President. The theme of Rotary this year was "Connecting the World" and when I came in as your 96th President and 11th Woman President of our Club on July 1, 2019, I planned and had an idea of where we would go, yet could not imagine where we would end up as we are here Virtually on Zoom today.

Learning, Growing, Fellowship, Friendships, Adventure, Service and FUN.

As Rotarians, we give lots of our seconds, minutes and hours with service in our community.

Let's take a look back at the past year and what the Rotary Club of Dover has pushed through, accomplished and given back to others.

Look can look at what we have accomplished over the past year with the projects we have completed, including CAP Playground, Dover Children's Library, our DHS and DMS mentoring program, Festival of Trees, Traveling Tales van, High School & DALC scholarships, Community Giving donations, working with Youth programs such as Interact and RYLA, and our Senior Visits.

We shine when we talk about Rotary and through our "linkage" from the Rotary Pavillion & Rotary Gardens, at the Dover Teen Center and many other places throughout Dover.

Let's take a look at a few goals that I set to make a change hopefully for you made it FUN!

- New Rotary Name Badges
- Celebrating Birthday's & Anniversaries each month with candles, cake and song and the personal cards
- Table Numbers
- Thirsty Tuesday – 3rd Tuesday a month to have a fun way to get out and create fellowship in Dover
- 5th Wednesday evening Social to attract new members or those members that cannot make noon meeting
- Dover High Interact opportunity to host the District New Generations Conference, now scheduled for Nov
- Connecting with Dover Middle School and offering a Student of the Month Award for those going above
- Speaker Programs as we bring back those organizations that have received Community Giving donations
- Rotary Moose "Miles" and letting a member each week take Miles on the road and go Miles for Rotary
- Fellowship nights out at the Garrison Players
- Running or walking in the WDH 5K Cancer Run/Walk
- Reaching out to those in our community and asking "how can we help"
- Partnering to develop a project through the Mental Health & Suicide Awareness in our Community
- Making the Rotary Club of Dover be known in the District and our Community in the District Newsletters, Website and Social Media
- Creating a Community Giving Application

- Getting a Rotary Zoom account, Rotary Credit card and soon-to-be Rotary Swipe and/or Venmo
- 5 Way Test

I had huge shoes to fill with Past President, Noreen Biehl being our Inspiration over the previous year, and planting many seeds along the way. We all were able to move forward as a Club and grow to be the greatest Rotary Club in the Universe and to Infinity and Beyond.

Over the past year, the Rotary Club of Dover has gone through some changes, had to make some decisions, yet in the end, we all are still the Rotary Club of Dover, a club that I speak very highly of and hear it throughout our District.

It takes a collective effort to make a Rotary Club like ours one that others in our community come to know and look to for help when in need. I would like to give thanks to our Officers and Board of Directors – President Elect Gregg Dowty, Secretary Marion Cheney, Treasurer Phil Rinaldi, Past President Noreen Biehl, Directors Malcolm McNeill, Jim Munro, Ron Richard, Tracy Degaribody, Lori Hults and Kevin Raymond for your hard work as you guided us along the way with your leadership and decision making we made this past year.

I would also like to thank all of our Rotarians that served on a committee and stepped up to be our Committee Chairs. Thank you to 😊

I have always wanted to help others and connecting 13 years ago with Rotary has enabled me to do just that. As many of you know, I have traveled to Guatemala and Romania through the Rotary International Travel Experiences and since I was not able to travel over the past couple of months, I took advantage to meet so many of the Rotarians in our District through the many Zoom meetings that were held. It was great to hear of all the good that we do in our District.

I would like to give a special thanks to all of you, the Rotary Club of Dover for allowing me to serve as your President for the past year and making this year an unforgettable experience. I have learned about what Rotary is, grew personally and professionally, got to meet and know all of you and learning all of your names, other Rotarians in our District and in our Zone, and so many in our community. It has opened many doors for me and I have truly enjoyed being President of our Club.

As we look ahead, we will plan and I am grateful to have PE Gregg be our next President and he knows that I am always here to help.

I look forward to my next role, in joining Malcolm as one of our District's Assistant Governors. I am excited and grateful for the opportunity.

When one door is closed, another one isn't necessarily just going to open up for you. So break a window, lift up the roof, dig under the foundation, squeeze down the chimney....just do what you need to and get in there!

One last thought as I have said before. "Gregg those high heels will look awfully good on you!"