

**Annual Club Meeting**  
**President's Report**  
**December 21, 2020**

Before I give you a quick list of our accomplishments this first 6 months of the 2020-2021 year, I want to thank you for persevering through the Zoom era of Rotary.

I know we all miss each other's company, a shared meal and the fun of an in-person meeting. We will get back to it eventually, but your health and safety are uppermost in my mind.

This year we have had to postpone the Golf Tournament to early June 2021. Thank you to the Golf Committee for taking that change head-on. I look forward to sharing in that day with you.

The social events have moved to online and have been sparsely attended, but those of us who were there had a good time. Lots of laughs. Thank you Cheri for forging a new path for us.

District Governor Frank Adamson has visited our club via Zoom three times; initially to present his agenda which we have supported in spirit and donations, and he had inducted 4 new members – Paulette Kline, Melissa Meyers, Robert Anderson and Maria Kindberg. Thank you to the dedicated members of the Membership Committee, Co-Chaired by Tory Irgang and Joelle Washer, for taking on the task of growing our club during this difficult time.

DG Frank's Pedal for Polio fundraiser was unique because of the COVID 19 restrictions. Jake Schrantz, whose father-in-law was Mike Stronz – a 37 year member of this Club, rode 87 miles for us and we raised \$1750, our goal was \$1500. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Colonel Vince once again mustered the troops for a successful Highway cleanup this past fall. Thank you to all who participated.

To date the Club has awarded 4 Paul Harris Fellows – the first live at the Troxell's home during a Zoom meeting, given by Dan Overcash, and the other on video shared at the meeting by Chris Anderson who was given the award by a very appreciative Lisa Goodell, who also received her third Paul Harris Fellow. Greg Jones is dedicated to the Foundation Committee's work to support Rotary International's Foundation goals. He has a long list of PHF to award. He and Sue were troopers to attend hours of foundation and grant seminars so our Club can participate once again in the important grant making work of Rotary by our Club, the District and International.

Even though we are not meeting in person, the committees are still doing their jobs. The program committee chaired by Becky Robbins, has again done a great job providing interesting speakers every week. Kathy Benson is chairing the Invocation Committee – a very dedicated group who are very flexible. Thank you.

The communications committee, chaired by Sue Jones, has been busy every week recording our meetings and putting the Rotarily Yours together – which is more important than ever this year! Thank you to Chris Anderson for refreshing and maintaining the website, uploading the newsletter and Zoom meetings every week and being our support when we want to share

something out of the ordinary during the meetings! Sue Jones has done a fabulous job getting our name out there through the interesting articles about our projects. Thank you Sue. Thank you to Eric Harvey, Ruth Lundin and Lynn Gruel for joining this committee.

The Literacy Committee has been very active: installing little libraries in two community laundromats, collaborating with the AM Rotary Club and Love School for a book give-away, and JPS LEAP! They were filmed reading books for the summer program. The recordings were shared online for the community to see and learn.

John Healy made quick arrangements for the Red Kettle Drive this year. We had a short amount of time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army, but the Club raised additional funds through our own website and it will be matched by the Vision Committee.

The Vision Committee, chaired by VP John Healy, has made donations to two COVID 19 funds that are being distributed by the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County and the Chautauqua County Economic Council's support for local businesses. They have also approved support to the Lucille Ball Little Theater's digital projector project in honor of member Lucy Miller.

The Vocational Committee has continued to provide speakers for the monthly Rotary Why segment. We are learning a lot about our fellow members and what makes Rotary so important to them. Thank you everyone for stepping up to share the benefits of being a Rotarian. The JHS Mock Interviews are put on hold until in person meetings are possible.

We hope to have a successful fundraiser and friend-raiser in January. The Mid-Winter Wine Tasting Event is January 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be a virtual wine pairing event hosted by Johnson Estate Winery. Vicki McGraw, Social Com Chair, is working out the details for this first ever online fundraiser.

Finally, I want to personally thank the Board of Directors who have been my support and sounding board. They are dedicated to making this difficult year the best it can be. Thank you to Secretary Lisa Goodell who keeps us all on track, and Treasurer Russ Webb for his attention to the finances. I personally thank Past President Cheri Krull for her kind nudges and suggestions.

Let us stay the course, keeping the mission of Rotary in mind:

*We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, good will, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.*

Remember "Rotary Open Opportunities".