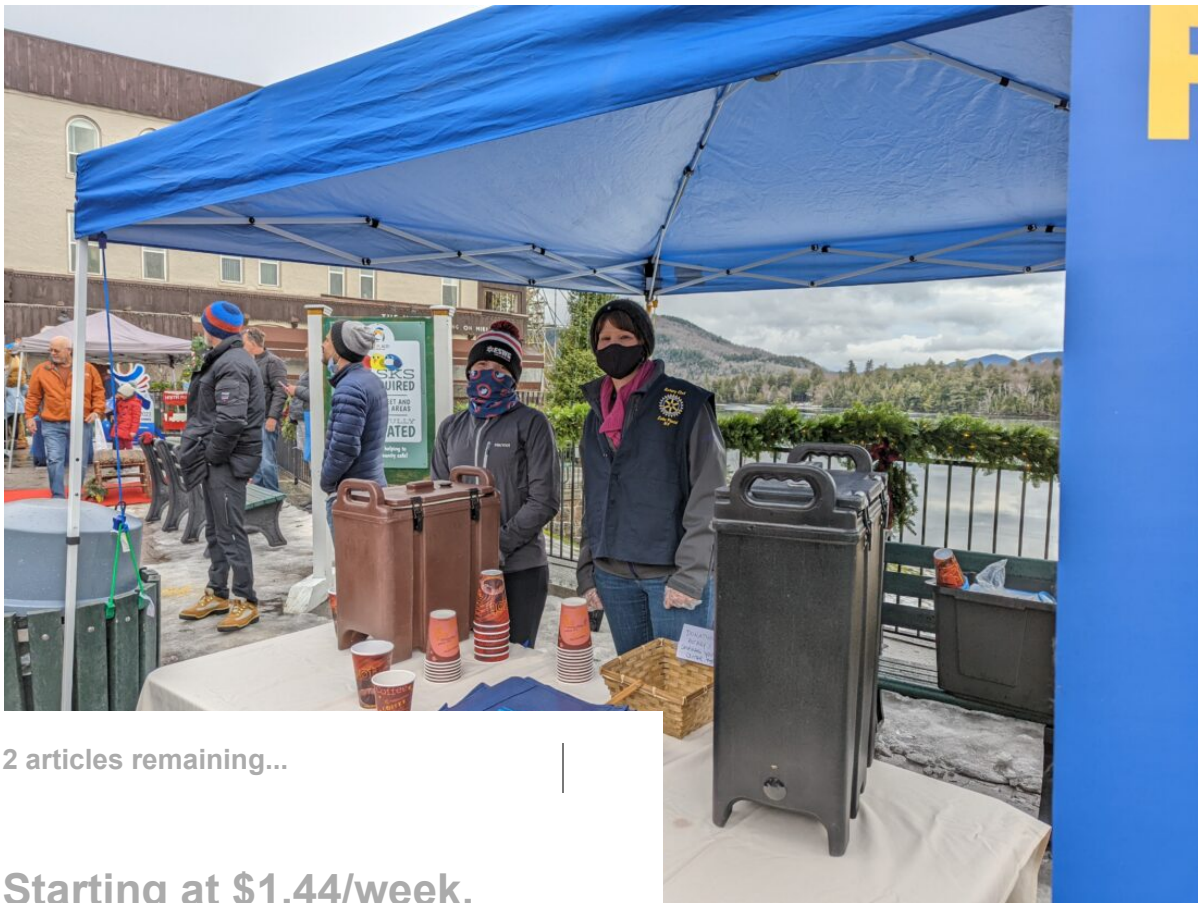


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It's amazing at how we have forgotten what our lives were like pre COVID. Thinking back on that time, I took many things in my life for granted. I had steady employment, a child in school and friends to spend time with. I never realized those things could be taken away in an instant. COVID stopped many of us from doing the things that we enjoyed. We had to endure and learn to live in a world with COVID.

Luckily, during COVID, I had a period of transition from being a full-time employee dedicated to my job to that of a being a mother and partner full time. I used to spend hours at work while still trying to juggle my responsibilities as a mother to a young thriving child. I missed many performances and events that occurred during my daughter's early years. I still remember missing her first steps because I was away on a business trip. But now, I look forward to our new memories that we will experience together.

When I finally was able to retire, which occurred a few months before the country shut down because of COVID, I was starting my life as a full-time mother and partner to my husband. I am grateful that I was able to be available to help my daughter with online school and to be her support when she lacked that in person interactions with her friends. We enjoyed long bike rides on the bike paths and being silly playing at home. Also, during this time, we moved to Lake Placid.

Lake Placid has always held a special place in our hearts and memories. We have been visiting Lake Placid for many years as a family. In the summers, we spent hours on the lake swimming and boating. In the winters, we would ski at Whiteface and enjoy the holiday activities on Main Street. We knew that one day Lake Placid would be a place we call home.

Fast forward to post COVID - we have moved to Lake Placid and enjoying the the two years that we have lived in Lake Placid. We have attended the Lake Placid Film Festival, the Lake Placid Marathon, Lake Placid Youth Soccer. I look forward to Lake Placid and to be involved

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This past year, I was very fortunate to join the Rotary Club of Lake Placid. I have witnessed many of the wonderful projects and commitments that the Rotary Club is involved with in the community. My first volunteer project was to help pick up trash along state Route 73. It felt good to do something to better the community even though it was something so simple and often overlooked. But it is these little things that we should be proud of.

I am looking forward to the upcoming projects that the Rotary Club has in place for the holidays. The Rotary Club is involved in local food drives, caroling and holiday gifts at Elderwood, and providing hot chocolate during the holiday stroll. Lake Placid has an amazing community of people who are doing wonderful things especially around the holiday.

The Rotary Club of Lake Placid meets weekly on Thursdays. The first, second and fourth Thursdays are breakfast at the Marriott from 7:20 to 8:30 a.m. The third Thursday is a social at 6:30 p.m. Contact us for details, rotarylakeplacid@gmail.com or www.rotarylakeplacid.org.

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