 

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the fourth week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Rob Latimer opened the “zoom” meeting of the Red Hook Rotary Club. Twelve members joined the meeting at 8 am. Missed were Karen Mead Cadorette, Gayle Wolfe, Dave Wright, Barry Ramage and Fred Cartier.

The assembled discussed various activities linked to our collaboration with Red Hook Responds and the Red Hook United Methodist Church food pantry. Red Hook responds has a call tree, which allows volunteers to sign up for various of their activities, including the delivery of food. It was noted that Dan Budd and Nick Ascienzo have taken much of the leadership of this activity. The Taste Buds restaurant has been closed down during the “stay at home” interlude. Donations for T-shirts can be made through the Taste Buds’ website.

Jen recommended that club members attend the Thursday District meeting. It can be attended by Zoom. District Leader, Turpin, has signed Rotary up for “super” zoom status which enables large groups to attend. Jen noted that they are well worth attending. Marc Molinaro will be the featured speaker on Thursday, April 16. It was noted that he has done a great job as County Executive and keeping county residents informed of the status of the virus in this community. Red Hook Together will meet tomorrow to organize their activities.

Jen noted that the RH UMC delivered 45+ meals on Easter Sunday. There will not be a receipt of food this Wednesday because the pantry still has enough food for the coming week. Rob noted that a generous gift of $100 million, by a private citizen, has augmented the resources of Dutchess Responds. 1000 socks are available for distribution! A discussion of updated strategies for purchasing distribution bags followed. Due to the virus, recycle bags are no longer suitable because there is no way to guarantee that they are “clean”. Currently, the single-use plastic bags or 10 cent paper bags are being used.

Bags for the Clynk project by which toiletries are purchased from the proceeds of recycled deposit bottles is back on track as Hannaford has restocked the bags. Jen can provide the barcode tags, if you need them. Discussion of the application for the District grant that is due by May 16 included suggestions that we renew our request for funds for the backpack program and the YEX program. It was noted that tutors are needed for students who are staying at home and need extra help or instruction for their school work. The Red Hook Moms Facebook page is the best place to make these connections.

Cancun’s expects to re-open when the “stay at home” order modifications permits restaurant meals again.

Linda reported that she has receive 16 applications for scholarships. Rob noted that COTY candidates will be in abundance this year with the phenomenal leadership evident in volunteer efforts in this time of need.

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Happy $ cannot be collected in virtual space, but checks can be sent to Tim Lynch.

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Red Hook Rotary Club seeks host families for our inbound youth exchange students. Watch this spot for further information. Contact Chris Chale with volunteer familieshe

**The meeting on April 21, 2020 will again be via Zoom at 8am. Speakers are suspended until further notice. Let Rob or Jen know if you have a special suggestion for the next meeting.**

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