



Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the fifth week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Rob Latimer opened the April 21, 2020 “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.

Jen described the test screening that she was involved with for the upcoming PETS meeting and she recommended participating in the upcoming 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. There will be another featured speaker on Thursday, April 23rd.

Jen noted that the RH UMC delivered 75 meals on Sunday, April 19. She said that Dan Budd arrived during the distribution with music and the Lyseum Theater brought 80 bags of popcorn for distribution. There will be a receipt of food this afternoon of nearly 3000 pounds of food and volunteers to unload the truck are welcome. Due to the virus, recycle bags are no longer suitable because there is no way to guarantee that they are “clean”. Currently, the paper bags and soft cloth bags that are available at Walmart are being used. The church is also making masks for distribution.

The Clynk project by which toiletries are purchased from the proceeds of recycled deposit bottles received eight bags from Bard College and Hannaford has restocked the bags. Jen can provide the barcode tags, if you need them.

Susan Simon and Jen recommended initiating a “one-minute” spotlight in lieu of speakers for the duration of “stay at home”. Jonah will provide next week’s moments by talking about issues and strategies that the courts are using to keep the justice system going during the pandemic. He noted that some of the innovations are working so well that they may become routine even after we are “back to normal”.

Rob updated us on “every Rotarian every year” and noted that because we make COTY recipients “honorary” members each year, they become part of our membership for the purpose of meeting the EREY standards. Then, they do not come to meetings or participate in giving. It was agreed that we will modify the process to avoid this unintended consequence.

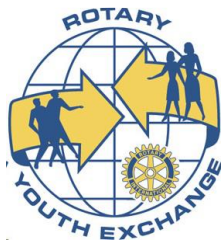
Jonah will be recycling some prior recordings for Radio Rotary. Look for them!

Rebecca Kent and Susan Ezrati have both been making masks with remnants of fabric from home. The group updated us on members not in attendance at today's meeting. Mike Shafer has connected with Fred and Rosalee Cartier, Dave Wright has been contacted. Chris would like to consult with Barry about window attacks from robins in her yard. Rob commented on Rebecca's blueberry jam.

Linda Greenblatt updated us on our youth programs. Two of the RYLA applicants will be held over for next year. She has received 14 scholarship applications and asked for volunteers to read them. Jonah and Rob volunteered. Chris Chale commented that several of our group's cohorts may be dropping out of the YEX program next year. She asked us to think about our participation. Jonah commented that the YEX program is our "crown jewel". More discussion will follow as the possibilities are clarified.

Rob asked that all Rotarians send him things to do. He is getting a Halittle squirrely.

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



Red Hook Rotary Club's solicitation of host families for our inbound youth exchange students is on hold while we assess the feasibility of the program in 2020-21. Watch this spot for further information. Contact Chris Chale with ideas.

The meeting on April 28, 2020 will again be via Zoom at 8am. One-minute spotlights on local concerns and issues will replace speaker until further notice. Let Rob or Jen know if you have a special suggestion for the next meeting.

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