



## Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the sixth week of "stay at home" meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Rob Latimer opened the April 28, 2020 "zoom" meeting of the Red Hook Rotary Club. Thirteen members joined the meeting at 8 am, including Fred Cartier, who we have missed. Missed were Karen Mead Cadorette, Gayle Wolfe, Dave Wright and Barry Ramage.



Photographer Fred Cartier via a screen shot recorded Jonah Triebwasser and Jen Van Voorhis participating in the "Zoom" meeting.

Fred also offered the invocation celebrating our opportunity to meet remotely and asking that all remain healthy and safe. It was noted that Red Hook Responds is working on improving connections with local farms to insure food supplies to local food pantries. Rob noted that local hospitals need blood. There will be a blood drive at the Masonic Lodge in Tivoli on May 6. Donors must sign up ahead of time. Reservations can be made at 1-800-Red Cross.

Linda updated the group on the status of applications for the annual scholarship that the club gives out to high school graduates from Red Hook, Pine Plains and Germantown. She now has 17 applications. Jonah, Rebecca and Linda plan to meet to read the applications in about 3 weeks. Three students will be recommended to the club out of the pool of applicants. Usually the grantees will include 2 college bound students and one professional school student. Actual selection will depend on the applicant pool.

Jonah let us know that he is currently running re-runs on Radio Rotary, but that we should watch for "zoom" interviews coming soon. Jonah also provided a "member spotlight" at the meeting today. He caught us up on how the courts are dealing with arraignments during the "stay at home" period. In Poughkeepsie, arraignments are occurring daily, adhering to social distancing, masks and other protective strategies. Locally, all arraignments are being done remotely through on-line technology. His judgement is that

the remote strategy saves time (especially for nighttime arraignments) and that they are effective. The courts are contemplating shifting to the online strategy permanently for all but jury trials. It could be a real time and money saving approach. The courts are also looking to create a system by which all traffic violations will be adjudicated by mail.

Future "member spotlights" will include Susan Simon (May 5), Jennifer van Voorhis (May 12) and Rebecca Kent (May 19). Let Susan Ezrati or Rob Latimer know if you want a date to do your own "member spotlight".

Jen has been compiling information on the annual grant application and is seeking information on tutoring needs in schools. She also noted that bags for deposit cans for the Clynk program were coming in from many venues that have been collecting them for some time.

Linda Greenblatt caught us up on the annual business directory that usually is created in conjunction with Apple Blossom Day (which has been cancelled). She noted that she was receiving ads and that the directory will be created this year as usual.

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 May 5, 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.**

### [Radio Rotary](#)

Watch for new Zoom interviews on Radio Rotary.

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