



## Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Jen started the meeting with the Rotary 4-Way test.

Linda Greenblatt reviewed efforts to maintain our spring activities. The Apple Blossom Festival has been cancelled due to the need for social distancing to slow the transmission of coronavirus. Dave Wright is reaching out to vendors who had signed up to refund fees. Some form of business directory will still be created later in the season, Details are being worked out.

The directory is a fundraiser for our support of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) candidates and club scholarships. The RYLA program is cancelled for this year, and the scholarship application deadline has been extended to April 14.

The Rotary International convention in Hawaii has been cancelled. Those who has signed up have been asked to direct their refunds to the Disaster Relief fund – a hefty \$1,100 per participant. The Honolulu Clubs are having to absorb hefty cancellation costs.

Radio Rotary will be recycling old shows going forward until recording can take place again.

The Red Hook Food Pantry at the Red Hook United Methodist Church is receiving 2800 pounds of food today at 11:15 am. Rotarians who can are asked to help move the food to the church basement and help resort into bags for distribution on Sunday. Last Sunday 67 families received bags of food and toiletries. Plenty of good fresh food is being distributed. The Clynk project by which toiletries are purchased from the proceeds of recycled deposit bottles is challenged right now by a scarcity of Clynk bags. If you have any you are not using, let Jen Van Voorhis know. Del's dairy is offering free milk on Wednesday afternoons – the cows must be milked and it is a tragedy to throw the milk out.

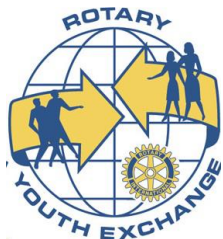
Red Hook Responds is starting virtual meetings soon. The continue to respond to anyone who calls for help. Details will be provided later.

Chris Chale updated us on the status of the YEX group. All are well and returning home or extending their stays in the US if travel proves difficult. Chris's husband, who is a Department Chair at SUNY New Paltz is using their 3D printer to make face shields!

Rob Latimer gave the club good counsel on hygiene procedures that can reduce susceptibility to the virus. He noted that he keeps wipes in his car and uses them to clean his hands, wipe down door handles and the steering wheel each time he enters the car. With clean hands and the wipes, he also wipes down his face each time he leaves the hospital, a store or whatever errand he has been on. It is standard procedure for emergency service workers and should be followed by everyone now. He emphasized that these precautions significantly reduce the chance of contagion. He also recommended cotton face masks and distancing by 6ft. We spoke briefly about the difficulty of social distancing at Hannaford's and the helpfulness of one-way traffic through the narrow story aisles.

Attendance: 52%! Note: Attendance was virtual via a Zoom account set up by Jen Van Voorhis, our President Elect. Missed were Bud Weaver, Mike Shafer, Dave Wright, Barry Ramage, Fred Cartier, Rebecca Kent, Gayle Wolfe and Karen Mead-Cadorette. The club will continue to assist these members to have alternative ways to attend – ie via cell phone or regular call in. It is a process.

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



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 14, 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.**

**Radio Rotary schedule will be reruns of prior shows until further notice.**

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