

## Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

*SERVICE ABOVE SELF*

April 9, 2019

<http://www.redhookrotaryclub.org/>

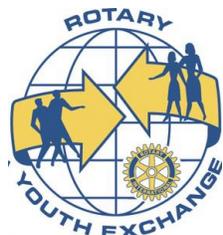
The meeting began with the pledge of Allegiance, the Rotary 4-Way Test and a blessing by Michael Shafer. The calendar of events for the club follows: April 10, Linda is asking for interviewers for the club's annual \$1000 Rotary Scholarships. In prior years, three such scholarships have been awarded to students from Red Hook, Pine Plains and Germantown. Coming up as well are the nominations of students to attend the summer Rotary Youth Leadership Academy – RYLA, costing \$375-400 tuition paid by the club. Eight applications have been received and interviews will take place April 25-26 from 9-11:15 am. On April 27, tree planting will take place from 9-noon on the west end of Pitcher Lane. On the same day, from 10-2PM a Sr Expo will take place at the RH Community Center. Information on senior services will be available. Barry also noted that the Red Hook Rotary club will be volunteering at the children's playground off Linden Avenue on May 4-5. Volunteers will be cleaning and installing new equipment. Each participant should bring a rake or a hammer. 5-6 members plan to attend on May 5. More information is at [www.RedHookPlays.com](http://www.RedHookPlays.com). Apple Blossom day, the club's annual fund raiser in Red Hook, will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup>, volunteers should plan to come early and stay late. Linda has rounded up a bumper crop of sponsors for the Business and Organization directory. Linda reminds all Rotarians to pay for their ads by April 23, 2019.

On May 4, 2019, Rob and Jonah and Chris will attend the District Assembly meeting. Chris noted that an incoming YEX student will be announced soon. Chris and Susan attended the District Conference in Stockbridge, Massachusetts last weekend and returned with the district calendar of events, including: September 14 – Drug Awareness; November 9-10-11, 2019, 2019-2020 District Conference in Monticello, NY. It will feature sleeping in a Shelter Box on the evening of the ninth. Linda Greenblatt and Rob Latimer and his cohort, Christy, will be providing Rotary leadership for a "Fill the Ambulance" event.

Rob Latimer entertained us with his experiences at the recent PETs (President-Elect Training). Noting that it was super-energized and that the motto was Adapt, Improve, Overcome. Attendees were informed that most clubs have become dinosaurs, attendance is declining as new members (150,000 last year) are swamped by member loss (162,000). Breakout sessions recommended 2-year terms for RI Presidents, which could achieve better followup on initiatives. Dues were identified as the greatest obstacle to membership, (RH's were the highest in the room).

Susan Simon presented the club with the most recent budget (to be attached). She noted that membership dues are catching up, that our Fifth Tuesday and other events with guests have exceeded expectations, and that the income side is doing well given that our major fundraiser – Apple Blossom Day – is yet to occur. Expenses for the year-to-date are also lagging, particularly charitable donations, breakfasts and evening meetings, and exchange student expenses – since we have not had an exchange student this year.

Attendance: 89%! Note 2 members were missed Gayle Wolfe and Karen Mead-Cadorette, whose home and employment obligations prevent their attendance.  
Happy \$50!



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

**The meeting on April 16, 2019 will feature Radio Rotary hosted by Jonah Treibwasser and including speakers, Chris Chale and Linda Greenblatt who will be highlighting the Red Hook club’s attention to youth through international Youth Exchange program, the Red Hook high school Interact Club and our club’s sponsorship of Red Hook, Milan and Pine Plains students who will attend the summer Rotary Youth Leadership Academy – RYLA.**

**Future Club Meeting Schedule and member responsibilities:**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Speaker Host</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sargent-at Arms</b>
April 16, 2019	<b>Jonah Treibwasser</b>	Michael Shafer	Carl Dowden
April 23, 2019	<b>Chris Chale</b>	Barry Ramage	Rob Latimer
April 30, 2019	<b>Fifth Tuesday!</b>		
May 7, 2019	<b>Chris Chale</b>	Tim Lynch	Dave Wright
May 13, 2019	<b>Club Board Meeting</b>		
May 14, 2019	<b>Club Business Mtg</b>	Rob Latimer	Fred Cartier
May 21, 2019	<b>Bud Weaver</b>	Rebecca Kent	<b>Carl Dowden</b>
May 28, 2019	<b>Susan Simon</b>	Linda Greenblatt	Bud Weaver
June 4, 2019	<b>Dave Wright</b>	Susan Ezrati	Jen Van Voorhis
June 10, 2019	<b>Club Board Meeting</b>		

**Radio Rotary and other information sources.**

This weekend on RadioRotary: Return of the Pleasant Valley Library

Tune in to the award-winning RadioRotary on Saturday, April 13th (on WTbQ 93.5 FM and 1110AM or <http://www.wtbq.com/>) and Sunday, April 14th at 6:30 a.m. (on WBPM 92.9 FM or [http:// www.wbpmfm.com/](http://www.wbpmfm.com/)) and 9:30 a.m. (on WGhQ 920AM and 92.5FM, WBNR 1260AM and WLNA 1420 or <http://www.realcountryhv.com/>) when we talk with Rotaraian Dave Kruger and Daniela Pulice about the return of the Pleasant Valley Library.