



Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Thank you to Fred Cartier for this photo of Rotarians deep in discussion of various issues at our monthly business meeting.

The meeting at Cancun's started at 7:30 am on a clear day with 82% (14) of our membership attending. Following the pledge, four-way test, and a blessing, those attending and their guests shared breakfast.

Rob led off our business meeting with consideration of two funding opportunities that have been suggested by the membership. The first was a proposal to donate the balance of funds required to pay for the installation of a bust of Eleanor Roosevelt in Tivoli in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Declaration of Universal Human Rights. Tivoli was selected to be one of five permanent locations to commemorate this declaration with a bust of Eleanor – a primary advocate and author for the declaration – because it is a place where Eleanor spent vital years of her youth and a place she returned to frequently. Following a lively discussion on why this installation reflected Rotary's connection to the community, it was determined that the club would send \$500 to the Village of Tivoli to offset some of the \$14,000 cost of the installation.

The second donation considered was for the purchase of a portable stage that will be used for community events, primarily at the Elmendorf green. The cost of this stage is approximately \$2000. It is one item in a major expansion

of the green at the Elmendorf which is estimated to cost nearly \$180,000. Historic Red Hook is sponsoring this expansion of public community space. Rotary's contribution will be acknowledged with a plaque on the stage. The club voted to provide up to \$2000 for this project.

Chris Chale encouraged us to consider supporting the initiative led by the New Paltz Rotary Club in Birkinna Faso that we learned about on December 3, 2019. It was suggested that since so many members missed the presentation due to snow, we should invite one of the speakers back.

The consideration of these funding opportunities sparked a spirited discussion of what kinds of projects the club feels are appropriate to support. The two specific requests were unique in that they do not represent ongoing support in the way that our support of the YEX students, the interact club, the Clynk project, the tree planting, and other regular community efforts do, but it was agreed that they are community initiatives that will encourage the kind of community interaction that we value. And, they make other community entities aware of who we are and may help with our efforts to expand our visibility and expand our membership.

Jen let us know that the self-funding initiative to provide personal hygiene products to several local food pantries through the Hannaford Clynk program (collecting deposit cans and bottles for credits through Hannaford) will have generated \$1500 by year end. This is 50% above our initial goal!

In addition, I am resending this e-mail from a former Red Hook Interact Club member: This is Declan Dwyer-McNulty. I was a member of Red Hook HS's Interact Club. I hope you and the rest of the Red Hook Rotary Club are healthy and happy. I am currently serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in The Gambia, West Africa. My village, Kuli Kunda, dearly wants to have a public tap system to complement their four hand pumps. I submitted a grant through the Peace Corps for American federal assistance, but I still need to do some fundraising to meet the full cost of the project. Here is the grant/fundraising link: <https://www.peacecorps.gov/donate/projects/village-water-system-part-1-lgl-19-635-018/>. Sorry, it is not particularly well-written. I thought I was just writing an internal document, not a public fundraising missive. If anyone in the Rotary Club could make a small contribution, I would deeply appreciate it, as would my neighbors. They'd certainly pray for you. They love to pray. All the Best, Declan

The speaker hosts are listed below on the calendar but substitutions are welcome. Send your suggestion to Susan Ezrati or Rob Latimer.



Next Club meeting: December 17, 2019 at 7:30 am at Cancun's in Red Hook, NY. It will be our last meeting in 2019.

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

Club Meeting Schedule and member responsibilities:

Date	Speaker	Speaker host	Greeter	Sargent-at-Arms
Dec 10, 2019	Business Mtg		Dave Wright	Linda G
Dec. 17 2019		Rebecca Kent	Jen Van V	Susan Ezrati
Dec 24, 2019	No Meeting			
Dec 31, 2019	No Meeting			
Jan 7, 2020	Business and Bd		Barry Ramage	Susan Simon
Jan 14, 2020		Barry Ramage	Michael Shafer	Fred Cartier
Jan 21, 2020		Jonah Triebwasser	Linda Greenblatt	Bud Weaver
Jan 28, 2020		Susan Ezrati	Chris Chale	Dave Wright

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