



Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the 39th week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Jennifer Van Voorhis moved the club meeting to a virtual meeting with Rotary International President, Holgar Knataack, at noon via “Zoom”. Club members in attendance included were Jen, Susan Ezrati, the Hon. Jonah Triebwasser, Tim Lynch, Bud Weaver and Mike Shafer.

The meeting started with the pledge, the Rotary 4-Way test and a blessing. Our District Governor, Tony hosted the meeting and Carrie Hernandez provided technical support to everyone.

RI President Knaack urged us all to embrace the changes that the pandemic has brought to us. He noted that the internet and the applications that have been created to take advantage of its reach, have also impacted local Rotary clubs and how they operate. Specifically, he called us to seek out speakers from beyond our local area. He noted a new phenomenon in Rotary, “satellite” clubs – which are clubs that spin out of older more established clubs to better serve members and causes. This phenomenon was sighted as an example of innovations that help Rotary serve different generations and work/life situations.

The prospects for youth exchange groups in 2021 was discussed. President Knaack noted that despite hope for vaccines and conquest of the virus, these programs would not be able to take place in 2021 and decisions about the RI convention that was scheduled to be held in Taiwan are yet to be made. A participant in the call asked if the experience that Rotary has garnered in promoting polio vaccines would be useful in disseminating the COVID 19 vaccines. President Knaack noted that the new vaccines have yet to be universally embraced across the globe. So Rotary International’s current focus is on supporting health care workers with food and supplies and continuing the polio campaign. He noted that once common acceptance of the vaccine for the novel coronavirus occurs, the logistical challenges would be the same.

Several participants offered ideas for building membership, including meeting in “cool” places, wine tastings, running races, and the use of electronic devices and new platforms. Nan Greenwood, of our own region and leader of the Youth Exchange, commented on the question of vaccination requirements for coming years. Louis Turpin asked what initiatives were being planned for environmental initiatives. The question and answer session ended and the meeting closed.

Next Club meeting: December 22, 2020 at 8am by Zoom will feature Janet Warden, the new superintendent for the RH Central School District.

The Red Hook Rotary club currently meets every Tuesday online at 8:00 a.m. Check our website at www.RedHookRotaryClub.org or our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/RedHookRotaryClub/>



Red Hook Rotary Club normally seeks host families for our inbound youth exchange students. During this year, due to the Pandemic, the YEX program is suspended. Watch this spot for information on its reappearance. At that time, contact Chris Chale with volunteer families

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