



Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the 41st week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Jennifer Van Voorhis called the Zoom meeting to order at 8 am. Eleven club members attended including Jen, Susan Ezrati, Linda Greenblatt, Fred Cartier, Bud Weaver, Dave Wright, the Hon. Jonah Triebwasser, Chris Chale, Tim Lynch, Emily Mangieri, and Rob Latimer (including McKenzi and Abigail). The meeting started with the pledge, the Rotary 4-Way test and a blessing by Jonah. A surprise visitor and fellow Rotarian, Gwen McCann also attended.

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Jen led off the meeting with the acknowledgment that today is a “Fifth Tuesday” and the hope that soon we would be able to have an evening meeting out as we have traditionally with spouses and friends. It is also the final meeting in 2020 and so suited to a review of the club’s accomplishments. She started the list and welcomed further input.

In 2020, despite the challenges presented the pandemic and recurrent lockdowns and restrictions, we supported the following:

1. The school backpack program which we support with our \$xxxx contribution. This program continued to provide food and school supplies to xx students daily despite no in-person schooling for most of the spring and fall.
2. Radio Rotary – a weekly radio broadcast – which left the studio and operates still on “zoom”. Jonah noted that the new technology actually expanded their reach for speakers and format. But he misses the personal contact.
3. We contributed (\$2,273) for the equipment needed to supply publicly available Wi-Fi access at the Red Hook Rec Park. The project was initiated by the Red Hook Library but the Town and Rotary provided the funding.
4. With stunning leadership by Jennifer Van Voorhis, and financial support from the Clynk program (over \$2000 since inception) at Hannaford and deposit bottle program and can collection from throughout the Town, Rotary assisted the Red Hook **United Methodist Church, Red Hook Community Center and Red Hook Responds** to collect and distribute food daily to over 200 families in the community. This task included periodically meeting outside the church to unload 3000 lb. pallets of food from the regional food bank and carry it down to the

church basement, soliciting contributions of turkeys, duck, chickens and ham from local farms and grocery stores on holidays, packing bags of personal hygiene products and socks, and a dozen other activities.

5. A contribution of \$2500 out of our club Foundation funds was made to the Ascienza Foundation for the purchase of additional freezer capacity at the Red Hook Community Center for Red Hook Responds.
6. A 2-week coat drive in November brought in 250 coats and redistributed them to those in need.
7. Publication of a print and digital directory of Red Hook businesses *in lieu of* the usual Apple Blossom Day fundraising in the spring. The directory raised close our usual net income on the Festival.

And probably more accomplishments will be remembered at another time, but suffice it to say, we are small but mighty!

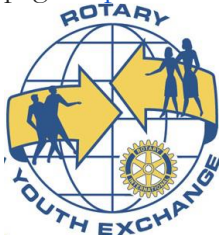
Missed this year, due to the pandemic restrictions on gatherings, were Apple Blossom Day, the Youth Exchange Program, Hard Scrabble Day, the Citizen of the Year Dinner and Award, many morning gatherings and Fifth Tuesday events, including our annual picnic.

We concluded the meeting with a brief discussion of what the coming months may hold. Zoom meetings will continue for the duration, both for the club meetings and Radio Rotary. Regular festivities such as Apple Blossom and Hard Scrabble Days may be need to be restructured.

Emily Manjgieri has joined us a new member. She may bring another member with her. Listen up, Tony Marmo! We are helping expand Rotary's membership in numbers, gender diversity and youth!

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 8am by zoom!

The Red Hook Rotary club currently meets every Tuesday by "zoom" 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 e, contact Chris Chale with volunteer familiesh

Radio Rotary

Next weekend on RadioRotary: The Golden Thirteen will speak! Watch the website for further information.

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