



Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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June 18, 2019

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June 18 was a regular business meeting at Cancun's in Red Hook from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Fourteen members, 78% of our membership attended. Barry led the meeting off with the pledge, the four-way test and Mike Shafer led us in a blessing.

Linda Greenblatt introduced our many guests, including Garn - the Rotary exchange student from Thailand of 5 years earlier, Liz Lowney and Jacob Morrison – two of three scholarship winners this year, and their mothers, and Nick Ascienzo – former Red Hook High School math teacher and current President of the Ascienzo Family Foundation. She noted that the Lowney's have reliably hosted Youth Exchange Students for many years. Jacob reported that he will be studying Aquatic and Fishery sciences at Syracuse University in the fall, noting that he already professionally ties flies! Liz reported that she will be pursuing a degree in Spanish and hopes to return to the area to teach English as a second language when she completes her degree at Marywood University in Pennsylvania. Garn shared with us that she is studying International Relations at a university in Thailand and expects to complete her studies next year.

Jen introduced our speaker, Nick Ascienzo. Nick lauded Red Hook families that he worked with in his years teaching in Red Hook and what a pleasure it had been to serve in the Red Hook Schools. When he retired, he consulted many students about what service he could provide through his Foundation. Thirty former students volunteered to help him define his mission. Together they determined that the Foundation should seek to provide educational support to the underserved and find a way to reduce food insecurity in the community. The Foundation connects with the libraries, the Center for Civic Engagement at Bard, and the Red Hook Central Schools. He elaborated on some of his current projects, including a "no cost" farm market called the Fresh Truck. He has found a group who will refurbish retired school buses and go into communities where fresh food is scarce. One of his consultants is Robinson Grieg. He noted that good things happen when individuals are driven to do them. He will be asking Rotary to participate again in the Thanksgiving project. Last year, the joint venture gave away 75 turkeys from Sky High Farm and all of the trimmings.

Barry confirmed that we are all in for the Thanksgiving activities next fall and suggested that we may find a way to include our Interact Club in the project.

Happy dollars totaled \$69!

On June 25, 2019,

Meeting Date	Speaker Host	Greeter	Sargent-at Arms
June 25, 2019	David Wright	Fred Cartier	Mike Schafer
July 2, 2019	Jennifer Van Voorhis	Dave Wright	Tim Lynch
July 9, 2019	Club Business and Bd	Bud Weaver	Rob Latimer
July 16, 2019	Carl Dowden	Jennifer Van Voorhis	Rebecca Kent
July 23, 2019	Jonah Treibwasser	Susan Simon	Susan Ezrati
July 30, 2019	Fifth Tuesday		

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