

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the 15th week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Jen Van Voorhis opened the “zoom” meeting at 8am. Twelve members participated on Zoom, including Rob Latimer, who joined us from his hospital bed post-hip replacement surgery. During these unusual times, all members are recorded as present on the Club Runner website. Bud was back with us as his internet connection has been restored.



Fred Cartier, photographer and Rotarian, provided the group at a moment in time of the meeting. We are, from top left to bottom right: Bud Weaver, Fred, Jen Van Voorhis (featuring a shot of her dream library), Linda Greenblatt, Jonah Triebwasser, Susan Ezrati, Carl Dowden, Michael Shafer and Rob Latimer (from his hospital bed). Rebecca Kent, Susan Simon and Dave Wright arrived later.

Fred reported that he has sold his lawnmower for \$900 and proceeds will all go to charitable causes. Some will go to the Club Foundation. Jen initiated the meeting and Jonah reported on some of his pandemic stay-at-home activities, including rediscovering his father’s stamp collection as he cleaned out the attic. He discovered some German-

era WWII stamps that he plans to donate to the FDR Library. He plans to sell the balance of the collection and donate the proceeds to the RI Foundation.

Jen reminded us that the “Clynk” can collection program is in a period of challenges due to exceptional participation. The Hannaford site is overwhelmed and Rotary is limited to a delivery of ten bags at a time. The Town of Red Hook has offered a spot for a truck to collect near their recycling center. August 1 is tentatively set for this extra collection.

Jen’s District inauguration as our new club President took place by zoom on June 25 at 7pm. Congratulations to Jen. Tim Lynch will continue as Treasurer and Susan Ezrati as Secretary. President-Elect is to be determined.

Linda updated us on the business directory. Only a few additions remain. A discussion followed on the number of directories to be printed. Distribution outlets remain the same: Libraries, Village and Town Halls, banks, and Todd Baright’s properties. The booklet is generating revenue close to the net income expectation for Apple Blossom day.

Bud Weaver, our Foundation President, delivered the checks for scholarship winners to Linda. She sent them out to the recipients and has received thank you notes. We discussed inviting the scholarship winners to our meeting on August 14, 2020. Jen suggested that we also invite the Interact Club to a subsequent meeting. Carl Dowden, the Interact Sponsor, will follow up and suggest a date.

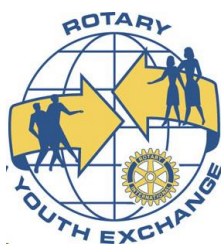
Jonah raised the issue of whether we should continue to charge the same fee level to members. He argued that although we do not plan to meet at Cancun’s soon, the net gain could be donated to our Foundation and expand our giving opportunities. The suggestion was forwarded to the Club Board for their action.

A discussion followed about the likelihood that the COTY dinner would have to be cancelled. The idea of creating a virtual substitute was discussed. We acknowledged that clear leaders have emerged in Red Hook, who are insuring food security for many of our neighbors who may be considered candidates. Jen will do some research on appropriate venues for such an event.

Next week we will inaugurate our new officers. A pin for the President will be obtained!

More to come from Radio Rotary.

Happy Dollars are suspended during the “stay at home” requirements of the Pandemic. Checks may be sent to Rotary Club, PO Box 88, Red Hook, NY 12571



Member spotlights on local concerns and issues will continue replace speakers as appropriate. Let Jen know if you have a special suggestion for the next meeting.

[Radio Rotary](#) Watch for new Zoom interviews on Radio Rotary.