

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York Weekly Bulletin SERVICE ABOVE SELF June 8, 2021 <u>http://www.redhookrotaryclub.org/</u> www.facebook.com/RedHookRotaryClub

Marking the 67th week of "stay at home" meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Jennifer Van Voorhis called the Zoom meeting to order at 8 am We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Rotary 4-way test and Michael Shafer offered a blessing. Fourteen Rotarians were in attendance, ten from our club. Our Rotarian guests were Tony Marmo (outgoing District Governor), Maureen Gates (Assistant Governor) and Gwen McCann (Kingston Club). Red Hook Club members attending were Jenn Van Voorhis, Susan Ezrati, Michael Shafer, Linda Greenblatt, Bud Weaver, Dave Wright, Susan Simon, Carl Dowden, Tim Lynch, Chris Chale, and Jonah Triebwasser.

Jen led the meeting off with updates on club activities. She reported that the Methodist church food pantry still feeds 45-47 families, weekly. She asked Susan Simon for an update on the initiative to provide pet food as well. We have learned subsequently that we have exceeded the \$120 per member challenge for EREY, but still need 9 members to make the minimum donation of \$25. PLEASE Contribute prior to End June! We again discussed how to move forward with Interact this year. Carl Dowden has sponsored the club for over 30 years and Tera Lynn has served as the school liaison. We need a new Rotary volunteer to either replace Carl (not replaceable, but you understand my meaning) or work with the school to make Interact a school club with a teacher responsible and then serve as the Rotary liaison. The club is so important to our global reach because they have run the fundraisers (including Thanksgiving pies) that have enabled us to donate 8 (\$1000 per) Shelter Boxes to US and international disaster recoveries!

Susan Simon is organizing our first face-to-face 5th Tuesday meeting on June 29, 2021. It will take place on the Green at the Elmendorf Inn (outside). Everyone should plan to bring their own food and plan to have a wonderful time!

Maureen Gates announced that at end June she will be completing her three-year term as Assistant Governor for Region 3. She noted that Greg Mullner will be taking on her vacated position and that we will enjoy getting to know him. Tony Marmo also spoke. He thanked us for maintaining our club membership during the pandemic. In particular, he thanked Jonah for keeping Radio Rotary going, Chris Chale for maintaining the Youth Exchange program along with others in our region, and Linda Greenblatt for maintaining our participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA). He encouraged all of us to join the Rotary International Convention on line and to participate in the District Governor training.

Susan Ezrati asked Tony about locking in new members, noting that the club has had a number of people express interest this year, but then fade out. Tony said, "Give them a job" in the club immediately. People stay in clubs if they are engaged and mentored.

The end of the current fiscal year is coming soon. Just a reminder. Jenn will continue as President (thank you, Jenn), Susan Simon will take over the Secretary's job (Thank you, Susan!), Susan Ezrati will shift to the Treasurer position, and Dave Wright and Linda Greenblatt will continue as VPs. A President elect is being sought.

A note of thanks to Susan Simon for getting a head start on the Secretarial post by writing the newsletter last week, and to Tim Lynch who promises to mentor me on my new post as Treasurer.

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