 

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York,

Weekly Bulletin

*SERVICE ABOVE SELF*

 March 24, 2020.

[***http://www.redhookrotaryclub.org/***](http://www.redhookrotaryclub.org/)

The March 24, 2020 club meeting was held via Zoom, in accordance with restrictions on voluntary gatherings established by the Governor of New York to stem the spread of the coronavirus. Rob later greeted the assembled and initiated the meeting.

Dave Wright caught the group up with developments related to the Apple Blossom Festival, our annual fundraiser in the Town of Red Hook, NY. Dave is hoping to hear back from Ed Blundell by April 3 on the fate of Apple Blossom Day. In light of that, advertisers will be contacted and the idea of continuing the ad book vs. issuing refunds will be discussed. We will be limited by the reopening of Minuteman Press.

Tomorrow, March 25, 2020, is a food distribution at Red Hook United Methodists Church at 1:00 pm. Jen van Voorhis is asking for volunteers to help unload and/or distribute bags of food. The next St. Christopher’s Church food pantry is scheduled for April 5.

Chris Chale shared concerns over the difficulties regarding housing for our exchange student. In the absence of Duda being summoned home, keeping her sheltered here is becoming a challenge. If anyone has any helpful ideas on mitigating this PLEASE share them with Chris ASAP.

Dave Wright will go to Cancun’s and retrieve our property during this time of “stay home” posturing.

Rob urged that if club member has not contributed $25 to this year’s EREY effort, they please do so ASAP. While we’re sequestered, you can mail a check to Rob at 603 Route 199 (made out to RI). Text him if you have any question about this (845-416-2501).

If you, or anyone you know of (within a reasonable distance) needs anything delivered to or from their home, please let Rob know. As you can tell from the timing of this email, Rob seems to have an abundance of time on his hands. It’s not necessarily “free” time, but he would like to fill it with useful efforts (so far...). He is more than willing to schlep packages out, or food/necessities into the home of any club member, or your neighbors. He is fond of delivering to those who cook, or bake.

Rob will forward the email from Robert McKeon as soon as he sends the e-mail version of these meeting minutes.

Everyone stay healthy, stay upbeat, and know that this too shall pass. See you all soon.

Please watch your e-mail for ways to help with this effort and circulate the sponsor request form to businesses that you believe might sponsor the event.

**The upcoming speaker host calendar is suspended for the next several weeks, until the national health crisis abates. Updates will follow.**

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Red Hook Rotary Club seeks host families for our inbound youth exchange students. Watch this spot for further information. with volunteer families

**Club Meeting Schedule and member responsibilities:**

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| **Date** | **S**peaker | **Speaker host** | **Greeter** | **Sargent-at-Arms** |
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*Radio Rotary*

This weekend on Radio Rotary:

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|  | Animal Farm FoundationTune in to the award-winning RadioRotary on Saturday, March 28th at 11:30 a.m. (on WTBQ 93.5 FM and 1110AM or <http://www.wtbq.com/>) and Sunday, March 29h at 6:30 a.m. (on WBPM 92.9 FM or http:// [www.wbpmfm.com/](http://www.wbpmfm.com/)) and at 9:30 a.m. (on WGHQ 920AM and 92.5FM, WBNR 1260AM and 96.5FM and WLNA 1420 or and at 9:30 a.m. (on WGHQ 920AM and 92.5FM, WBNR 1260AM and 96.5FM and WLNA 1420 or <http://www.realcountryhv.com/>) when we talk with Erich Steffensen about the great work of the Animal Farm Foundation. |  |
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