

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the 8th week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Rob Latimer, President, opened the “zoom” meeting at 8am. Twelve members joined the meeting, including Rob, Bud Weaver, the two Susans, Jen, Jonah Triebwasser, Carl Dowden, Tim Lynch, Linda Greenblatt, Rebecca Kent, Fred Cartier, and Chris Chale. Missed were Karen Mead Cadorette, Gayle Wolfe, Dave Wright, Barry Ramage. Our youth exchange student, Duda, who will be returning home to Brazil, shortly also joined. We are growing used to the remote setting and glad to catch up with each other, weekly.



Fred Cartier, photographer, provided a new rogue’s gallery of screen shots from today’s meeting. He includes Tim Lynch, Rebecca Kent, Rob Latimer, and Chris Chale.

Rob, reporting from Florida, announced that the state is initiating some opening of businesses by finding ways to continue social distancing, while enabling restaurants to open by expanding their space outdoors. Chris Chale introduced Duda, our exchange student, as a participant and asked if anyone had masks that Duda could use on her flight back home to Brazil – which she will be taking shortly. The student from Nigeria is still unable to return home and the coming year’s YEX program has been cancelled. Some of the qualified students will “time out” prior to the next available school year.

Jonah announced that this year’s State Magistrate conference was cancelled. Jen Van Voorhis said that the food bank received a two week supply of dog and cat food and that Red Hook responds has been bulking up the food bank funds. The Clynk program has about \$65 to be spent on shampoo. More Clynk bags are coming in to replenish the funds. To donate deposit cans and bottles we need a stick (which she can provide) and a special Clynk bag (available at Hannaford). Full bags can be scanned and deposited at the separate shed on the Hannaford parking lot. The barcode on the sticker will ensure

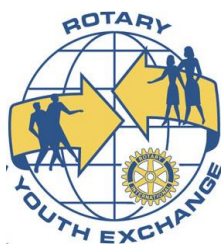
credit to the Rotary account. Allow the bag to sit for 3-days (to sanitize it) and then put a ribbon on it to indicate that it is safe to touch, before putting it in the door at the shed.

Duda, this year's youth exchange student from Brazil, told us she is sad that she will be unable to say, "Goodbye", to the many friends that she has made in Red Hook, before she leaves. She continues to study English and Math via online classes and complete videos for other classes online.

Susan Simon marvelled at the number of associations that have been maintained through social meetings online, including Rotary, court, synagogue and church services, even graduation ceremonies. Linda noted that the Red Hook high school has created an adopt a student program whereby gift baskets are left at the school for students -- nearly all students have received a basket. Rebecca suggested books for the gift baskets and noted that discounts might be available from local books stores.

Jen provided our member spotlight today. She took us through her career development from college forward, noting that sales management was the option that worked for her early on. She first joined Rotary in 1987 – the year that women were invited to join. She moved to Michigan in 2008 and returned to NY in 2017, and spent some time finding the Rotary club that worked for her. Red Hook won – in part because our morning meetings accommodate her work schedule. We are certainly glad she did. She took us through the kinds of services that are offered by Primerica, her current employer, and noted how it provides opportunities for work as well as services to those interested in financial services.

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



Red Hook Rotary Club's search for host families for our inbound youth exchange students is on hold, until the Pandemic is over. Watch this spot for further information. Contact Chris Chale with volunteer families

The meeting on May 19, 2020 will again be via Zoom at 8am. One-minute spotlights on local concerns and issues will replace speakers until further notice. Let Rob or Jen know if you have a special suggestion for the next meeting. Next week's speaker is Rebecca Kent and Chris Chale will follow on May 26.

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Watch for new Zoom interviews on Radio Rotary.