

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the 9th 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, as memorialized in the screen shot below.



Fred Cartier, photographer, provided the complete group in a single screen shot of the meeting. We are, from top left to bottom right: Jen Van Voorhis, Fred, Jonah Triebwasser, Bud Weaver, Linda Greenblatt, Rob Latimer, Tim Lynch, Susan Simon, Carl Dowden, Susan Ezrati, Mike Mills, and Mike Shafer.

Jen brought us up to date on the local Food Pantries. Dan Budd is organizing the summer pantries. Red Hook Responds is now serving breakfast and lunch prepared at the VFW kitchen. UMC has reduced need for volunteers and is keeping numbers low to maximize social distancing. Our club gave an additional \$65 worth of shampoo to the UMC pantry.

Linda Greenblatt, Jonah and Rebecca Kent completed the review of the 19 applicants for a Rotary scholarship for next year. Three students were selected to receive \$1000 each. They include, Matt Donahue who enrolls in a pre-med program at Middlebury College in the fall, Rachel Gifford, a RYLA graduate who plans to attend Sienna College, and Kai Menino of Stissing HS in Pine Plains, who will be pursuing pre-med at Bard College.

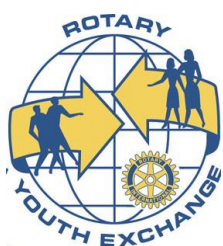
Jonah reminded us that we can all remotely attend the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu June 6 to 11, 2020 from 9 am to 10:15 am each day.

Linda updated us on the upcoming School Board election and the Federal primaries for President and Congressional Candidate in the 19th District. Members should expect mail in ballots for the school board election to arrive by mail. Those who have not received an absentee ballot application from the BOE for any non-school district election should call 845-486-2473 and ask for one to be sent. The absentee ballot by mail for the school board candidates/budget will be sent out soon after the final budget is approved by the School Board. It should be sent out by 5/26 and be due back by 6/9 at 5 PM. Anyone who is not registered in the school district can call the school at 845-758-2241 and ask for Elena, the Superintendent's Secretary, she will facilitate registration. If you know anyone who is not yet registered to vote in the Federal election and wants to in November, Linda has registration forms or he/she can call the BOE at 845-486-2473.

Susan Simon reported that a plan is being made to develop a "pandemic-safe" festival to substitute for the Apple Blossom Festival that did not occur. Attached at the end of this newsletter is information for the Red Hook Together online festival that Elisabeth Harmor is proposing. Elisabeth will be the guest speaker at the June 9th meeting. She also has a Facebook page she's creating that she'll review during her presentation. Susan suggests that we discuss her proposal and see how RH Rotary can participate.

Clynk bags continue to provide funds for personal hygiene products. To donate deposit cans and bottles, get a Rotary barcode sticker from Jen 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.

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



The meeting on May 26, 2020 will again be via Zoom at 8am. Next week, May 26, Chris Chale is the spotlighted member, on June 2, 2020, the school superintendent will join our zoom meeting to update us on the school budget for the coming year, which will be up for vote on June 9. On June 9, Elisabeth Harmor will tell us about the remote Festival that is being planned. Member 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.

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

Proposal:
“Red Hook Together” Online Festival

What:

- An online festival in which Red Hook businesses and organizations will participate by streaming live content such as music, tours, workshops, demonstrations, and games.

Why:

- The purpose of the festival is to combat social isolation and renew our sense of community.
- Although the county is re-opening in phases and small, socially-distanced events may take place later this summer, there will not be any large events and some people still may not feel comfortable leaving their homes.

Goal:

- The goal is to recreate the feeling of a large-scale community festival and offer exclusive, Red Hook experiences. Additionally, we intended to promote our local businesses by giving them a virtual platform through which they can attract virtual tourists from outside of Red Hook.

When:

- A Saturday in August, timing TBD, an all-day festival with live-streamed content
- Events will be rebroadcast to allow people who couldn't attend the first time a chance to see content

How:

- Create a Facebook Page with multiple Facebook events
 - Each page is a themed booth → see PDF for mock up of pagesNOTE: all times and dates on mock-up are arbitrary filler
- Red Hook organizations will host Facebook live events/ or pre-registered Zoom meetings at scheduled times on the themed event page
- To increase access to those in our community who do not use Facebook or have internet access, use local TV station and radio to rebroadcast events
- We will put out a call for proposals for content. Examples of themed booths and content include:
 - Music, “The Stage”:
 - Schedule live streaming performances from different local musicians