

## Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the 7th week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Jen Van Voorhis, President Elect, opened the “zoom” meeting at 8am. Eleven members joined the meeting, including Bud Weaver, the two Susans, Jen, Jonah Triebwasser, Carl Dowden, Tim Lynch, Linda Greenblatt, Fred Cartier, and Michael Shafer. Missed were Chris Chale, Rob Latimer, Karen Mead Cadorette, Gayle Wolfe, Dave Wright and Barry Ramage. We are growing used to the remote setting and very glad to catch up with each other, weekly.



Fred Cartier, photographer, provided this rogue’s gallery of screen shots from the meeting. He includes Susan Ezrati, Susan Simon, Tim Lynch and Carl Dowden. See if you can identify the remaining Rotarians lined up above each of us on the screen.

Jen led a discussion of the ever-changing landscape of resources for the local food pantries. She noted that the resources to the pantries continue to expand and change. Del’s dairy has opened a roadside stand for its milk products, the Red Hook Elks club has provided their kitchen for meals prepared for “Red Hook Responds”, who are sending out meals and masks.

Jonah reminded us that Rotary International has invited all Rotarians to attend the annual convention virtually. It was meant to be in Honolulu, Hawaii this year and that club will host the virtual event. Attendees will need to bring their own sand, surf and leis. Jonah also updated us on Radio Rotary’s plans to start remote interviewing. Watch this space for more updates.

Linda Greenblatt continues to pursue a Rotary grant for tutoring of Red Hook students remotely. Some activity already is going on but more is needed. We were informed that

the backpack program continues. Nineteen applications have been received for scholarships for 2021; this year's freshman who will be sophomores next year will be included. Jonah, Rebecca and Linda will meet via Zoom after the meeting next Tuesday (May 12) to review the applications.

Duda, this year's youth exchange student from Brazil, remains with the Lowney family in Red Hook. She was permitted to stay after the end of the school year because Sao Paulo, Brasil (where she resides) has a very bad outbreak of the coronavirus and her Red Hook family agreed that she could remain with them until she is able to return home. She is well and thriving.

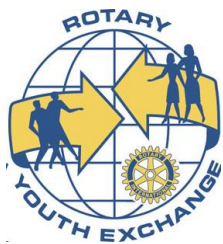
Linda reported that we will all be receiving in the mail an absentee ballot for the Red Hook Central School district budget vote. Be sure to watch for the ballot and vote. Although the Presidential primary has been cancelled, there will still be a primary election on June 23, 2020 for registered Republicans who can choose a candidate for the District 19 Congressional seat.

Rebecca advised us that Oblong Books in Rhinebeck is open for curbside sales of books and puzzles. Cancun Restaurant, our meeting location in normal times, is now open for take out meals. A timely opening, since today is Cinco de Mayo!

Susan Simon provided our member spotlight today. She took us through her many, varied and interesting work experiences – ranging from her first trip to the area from NYC to go to camp in Elizaville, to her work at CBS – when Nixon resigned – and a sojourn to Miami with CBS sports for a year and a half. She then treasured her chance to be a stay-at-home mom dotted with random, but amazing work experiences like managing a skating rink. The penultimate chapter in this brief review of her multi-faceted career path was becoming office manager and, then, financial consultant at Third Eye Associates. Then, the highlight, Fred Cartier invited her to Rotary...and she really has been inspired by the passion of Rotary ever since.

Attendance: 11 Members - 65%!

Happy dollars: Suspended during "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 12, 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.**

### [Radio Rotary](#)

Watch for new Zoom interviews on Radio Rotary.