

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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Marking the 31st week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Jen Van Voorhis opened the “zoom” meeting at 8am. Twelve Rotarians attended the meeting, including Erik Johansen, our new Trustco member. Jen Van Voorhis presided, leading off the meeting with the pledge and the Rotary 4-way test.



Photo screen shot taken by photographer and Rotarian, Fred Cartier. Attendees by row from top left to bottom right are: Linda Greenblatt, Fred Cartier, Bud Weaver, Jennifer Van Voorhis, Jonah Triebwasser, Erik Johansen, Michael Shafer, Chris Chale, Tim Lynch, Carl Dowden, Dave Wright and Susan Ezrati.

The meeting began with enthusiasm resulting from the Coat Drive service project that culminated in the initial distribution of coats at the Red Hook United Methodist Church yard on Sunday. Linda Greenblatt had reported over the weekend on the coat drive as follows:

”Thanks to all on my Coat Drive Committee for an outstanding job!! Procuring coat racks, putting up signs, publicity on FB/Red Hook and Pine Plains Moms,

sistributing containers for the coast collection, pick up of the coats, set up today at the UMC, encouraging people to feel comfortable taking a coat for themselves or family members. You know who you are!! What an awesome job!! Thanks to Rhinebeck Bank, Trustco Bank, Ulster Savings Bank, Mike Mills at State Farm, and the Tivoli Village Hall for agreeing to be collection points! It was a glorious day!!

*As of today (**Sunday, October 18**), we collected 120 coats!! (Rhinebeck collected 100!). Two more bags will be picked up from Rhinebeck Bank tomorrow, plus a friend is dropping off a bag of coats to me tomorrow. I will give you the sum total on Tuesday when we next meet.*

We gave away half of the coats today at the UMC Food Pantry. We then proceeded to roughly divide the remainder in three groups: warm/wool jackets to Cara Mia/Hope on a Mission to the homeless in Poughkeepsie; Community Action in Red Hook which distributes throughout Dutchess County to those in need; and the remaining coats/hangers to the Red Hook Community Center which has a free closet for those in need.

It was truly gratifying project for me, and, I'm sure, all involved. Rotarians, as always, exemplify "Service Above Self!" Thanks again for all you do in and for the Ted Hook Community!!"

She followed up on those comments at the meeting saying that an additional 60 coats and 1500 socks have been collected since (with more on the way) and distributed to the Red Hook Community center and Home on a Mission in Poughkeepsie. She thanked Jonah and Rob for providing the coat racks that helped to display the coats at the church. With her gleeful spirit of competition she noted that Rhinebeck's campaign lagged Red Hook's!



Photo provided by Jonah Triebwasser. Chris Chale and Linda Greenblatt (right) with 120 coats and Jonah, Linda, and Jen (left) spearheaded the effort.

Jen introduced our newest member, Erik Johansen, from TrustCo. The prior member from TrustCo – Dennis – has since resigned from the bank.

Asked about whether personal hygiene items could be delivered along with the coats, Jen noted that the Clynk account has accumulated another \$80 which could be used to purchase the hygiene items.

Jen also reminded the club that a virtual Service Composium will be hosted on Zoom on October 29, 2020 at 7pm. We discern that the prior format of guest speakers featuring service projects will be resurrected for the Zoom format. In 2019, participants in the symposium built benches and wall units from recycled wood in lieu of speakers. It had been a refreshing change, but not possible this year.

Here is a letter from Tony Marmo, District Governor, about the Symposium.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The District Executive Board met last evening and decided to cancel the 2020 Service Symposium (District Conference) due to the restriction in mass gatherings and public health issues related to the pandemic. It is unfortunate, but we have to be first and foremost concerned about the health and safety of our members. Additionally, there were limited venues that could offer enough space to insure proper social distancing and other safety measures related to the COVID virus. We are planning on returning to Resorts World for the 2021 Service Symposium scheduled for the first weekend in November at this time.

We are still working on having a District celebration in late spring/early summer 2021, and those details are in the planning stages and contingent upon the public health policies and the state of the pandemic in our geographic region at that time.

Regarding the recognition of the 19 clubs that achieved an RI Foundation banner for the 2019-2020, we will be recognizing that achievement at our District Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 29 at 7pm. A zoom invitation will be sent out to all Rotarians.

We certainly miss gathering as a District and miss the fellowship, and camaraderie that has been the hallmark of D7210 for so many years. We look forward to the future when the mass gathering restrictions are lifted and our members can safely meet and celebrate the greatness of Rotary together!

Thanks to all of you who are still serving your communities and attempting to grow your membership. It is vital to our success that we keep up our efforts to bring more quality people in 7210!

With Much Admiration and Rotary Love,

DG Tony

Jonah reminded us that World Polio Day is celebrated on Saturday, October 24. It will also be the topic on RadioRotary on the following Sunday. RibFest, the Highland Club's annual fundraiser was again a successful event, even in the new format. Tony Marmo, our district governor, thanked all for participating. Chris Chale offered a brief update on the YEX program. She noted that the committee has been refreshed with new members and they will begin planning the 2021-2022 school year program in December of 2020. Dave Wright asked about what we planned to do for our Thanksgiving service project given that the student made pies would not be possible. A brief discussion followed. Dan Budd, the coordinator of Red Hook's food distribution efforts, will be consulted.

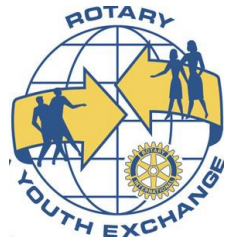
Mike Shafer then provided us with a member moment. He was first introduced to Rotary in 1986 in Albany. At that time, the club had roughly 40 members and a pianist provided the introduction to each member's Happy \$ moment. He noted that Rotary taught him about how to do good without religious affiliation. He attended Bard from

1962 to 1966. Following college, he went into the navy. Among his mentors along the way was a music teacher!

Club members reacted to his story with their own personal experiences with Bard and its importance to the community. It was noted that Bard has closed their campus to outsiders to protect their students from infection with the coronavirus. Bard spent significant resources at the beginning of the fall, providing a period of quarantine off campus to students from parts of the country with high infection rates, and as a consequence has moved through their fall semester with no cases. They are taking appropriate actions to maintain that record.

Jen asked members to introduce themselves to our new member. It was a welcome request, and members responded with their experiences. Only a shortage of time stopped the stories.

Next Club meeting: October 27, 2020 at 8am by Zoom. Program to be determined.



Red Hook Rotary Club normally seeks host families for our inbound youth exchange students. During this year due to the Pandemic, the YEX program is suspended. Watch this spot for information on its reappearance. At that time, contact Chris Chale with volunteer families

Radio Rotary

This weekend on RadioRotary: Rotary's Conquest of Polio

Tune in to the award-winning RadioRotary on Sunday, October 25th at 6:25 a.m. (on WBPM 92.9 FM or <http://www.wbpmfm.com/>) and at 9:25 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 Rotary Past District Governor Carole Tjoa about Rotary's conquest of Polio.

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