



Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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Marking the 24th 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. Jen Van Voorhis presided, leading off the meeting with the pledge and the Rotary 4-way test. Reverend Michael Shafer offered the blessing.



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

Jen presented the meeting agenda noting some highlights of the virtual HardScrabble presentation and that a virtual local newspaper is now circulating called IMBY (In My Back Yard). Members asked about Barry Ramage and Gwen McCann and Jen noted that she would reach out to both.

Jonah reported on the Highland Rotary’s virtual ribfest event. A digital recording of the event is still circulating, they have had a couple hundred viewers so far. They earned a net of \$35,000, which was impressive despite being significantly less than they earn

annually at the traditional event. Two Red Hook restaurants, Savona's and Cancun, were represented at the Highland event. Jonah will be celebrating his 47th anniversary with his gift certificate to Savona's. Dave Wright noted that to date 95% of the RH restaurant cards were sold (maybe all by now) – a total of 10 cards valued at \$400.

Jen thanked Linda for her contribution to the food pantry of 20 bags of school supplies. They were appreciated and more are needed. The bags contain a ream of paper, crayons, pencils, highlighters, pens and assorted other items. Linda credited her Delta Kappa Gamma sisters' "Clynk" program with the financing of the donation. More are needed. The RH United Methodist Church is the primary distributor through their food pantry. Chris Chale recommended that we invite a teacher from the Red Hook schools to talk about how the "school bags" are used, distributed and what else might be needed.

Jen announced that there will be a Business meeting next week and Scott Oatkin who leads the Borgen Project will present the following week.

The District Coat Drive was discussed. Rotarians should donate and encourage donations of lightly used coats, particularly for school aged children. We will approach a dry cleaner to get the coats cleaned. Barbara Shoemaker is the local coordinator of the coat drive.

We then moved on to discuss our service projects for the year -- WiFi in the Rec Park and the School Backpack program. The first project will be discussed at the Board meeting to follow the club meeting. The backpack program is ongoing, costs \$3000 annually, and is paid 50/50 by the club and the club Foundation. Francisco Pujol is the primary communications person on the BackPack program. It also was suggested that we invite the new school superintendent to attend a meeting soon. The treasurer and Foundation chair were asked to each issue checks of \$1500 for the Regional Food Banks who support the back pack program. Jen noted that local businesses have been very generous with donations to food pantries.

A brief update on the status of prior YEX students followed. Chris offered to update us on Duda soon.

Jen recommended that club members e-mail Amy Smith (RH Library) - amy@redhooklibrary.org – to get her presentation titled "Why do You Vote?" Carl plans to contact the InterAct club and Jonah noted that Wappingers Falls club is going ahead with their golf outing – which is socially distanced and requires a donation of \$65 for 18 holes.

The Club meeting adjourned. A Board meeting followed.

Next Club meeting: September 8, 2020 at 8am by Zoom. It will be a club business meeting. The speaker will be Scott Oatkin, who is leading the Borgen Project.



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

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