

Rotary Club of Red Hook, New York

Weekly Bulletin

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Marking the 25th week of “stay at home” meetings required by the coronavirus outbreak, Jen Van Voorhis opened the “zoom” meeting at 8am. Fourteen Rotarians attended the meeting. Jen Van Voorhis presided, leading off the meeting with the pledge and the Rotary 4-way test. Reverend Fred Cartier 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, Bud Weaver, Susan Ezrati, Rob Latimer, Tony Marmo, Maureen Gates, Michael Shafer, Jonah Triebwasser, Michael Shafer, Linda Greenblatt, Greg Bolner, Tim Lynch, Carl Dowden, Rebecca Kent and Susan Simon. Chris Chale was missed in the photo but also attended the meeting.

Jen introduced Tony Marmo, District 7210 Governor, Maureen Gates, Assistant Governor and representative of region 3 and the Rhinebeck club, and Greg Bolner to the group. She told the club of two Board meeting decisions that had been taken. The Board approved a donation of \$2,272.90 to the Red Hook Library to cover the full project cost of the public Wi-Fi in the Rec Park project. The town of Red Hook will cover the annual connection cost of roughly \$3000. The board also approved a pandemic related reduction of quarterly fees to \$100 for the first six months of the 2020-2021 year. Linda reported that a total of \$3000, split between the club and the club Foundation had been sent to the Red Hook Harvest to support this year's backpack program.

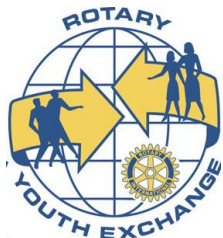
Maureen Gates then introduced Tony Marmo to the club and Tony spoke. He thanked the Red Hook club for our good work. He noted that we are a high functioning club – with an active Facebook page, a webpage and regularly posted newsletter of our club meetings. He asked each member to participate in recruitment of new members. He noted that recruitment is failing with most clubs. The average age range in clubs has declined, membership numbers have declined by 20%. Recruitment tends to draw people in through service to others and club projects. There are many club models – breakfast clubs, lunch clubs, happy hour clubs, once-a-month clubs, even passport clubs—which draw members in for specific projects. Tony noted that it is important to bring in younger members in order to promote club longevity. Clubs need gender balance as well. He urged us to use Rotary's positive public image and our fundraising activities to bring in new members.

He brought a list of our member profiles and asked us each to say when we joined Rotary and who our sponsor was. It was remarkable how difficult that personal Rotary bio was for many of us. Here is a record of each present person's Rotary recruitment date:

Bud Weaver – 1973
Fred Cartier – 1977
Carl Dowden – 1979
Michael Shafer – initial membership 1984, RH club 2004
Jonah Triebwasser – 2006
Rob Latimer, Susan Simon, Chris Chale – 2009
Linda Greenblatt -- 2010
Tim Lynch – 2012
Susan Ezrati – 2013
Rebecca Kent – 2017
Jen Van Voorhis – 2018

Interesting, four in the 70's and 80's; five from 2006-2010; four from 2012-2018. Thanks to the Goldstein's! The Club meeting adjourned.

Next Club meeting: September 15, 2020 at 8am by Zoom.



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: Jill Bubel on Fall Prevention Week

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