

Secaucus Rotary Club Rides the Dream Wheel

Our Club meets for lunch meetings every Tuesday at La Reggia Restaurant to enjoy the great food, share fellowship, discuss upcoming events, go over Club business, and greet visitors. But on Tuesday, June 6th we did not have our regular lunch meeting and instead had an evening social event; not to discuss business, not to discuss upcoming events. We just wanted to have a night of fun.

So twenty Club members, spouses, and guests went to the American Dream Mall to take a ride on the Dream Wheel, the 300 foot ferris wheel that you see when you drive along Route 3, Route 120, the NJ Turnpike, and from other locations in view of American Dream.

We occupied three of the climate-controlled gondolas and up we went into the wild blue yonder. Except it wasn't so blue. The hazy weather that day prevented us from seeing the magnificent views, taking great photos, or seeing a beautiful sunset. But we had fun anyway.

Following our 30-minute ride, we went into the Mall and had dinner at The Yard House. The drinks were refreshing, the food was fabulous, and we even were able to watch the skiers and snowboarders through the large glass windows overlooking The Big Snow, the ski slope at American Dream.

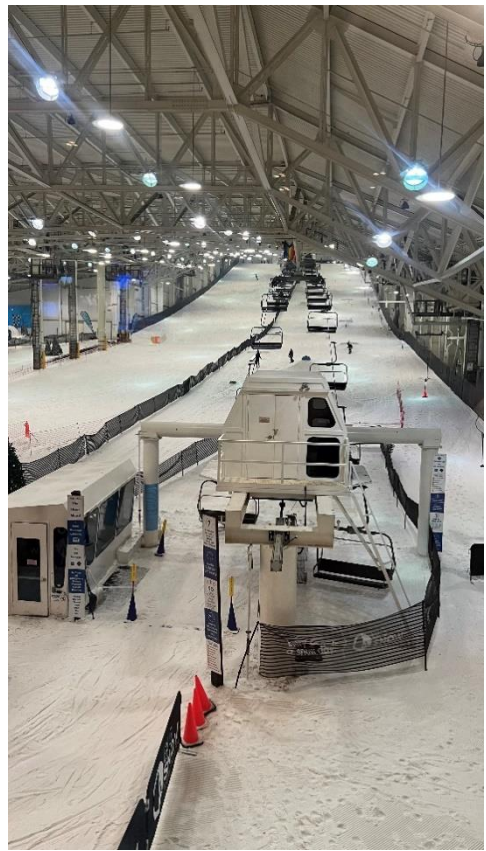
We had a blast on the Dream Wheel, and all said that we have to do it again.....hopefully this time on a sunny day.











Rotary Club Eco-Cruise with Hackensack Riverkeeper

On June 20, our meeting took place on the water. Some Club members met at Laurel Hill Park for an Eco-Cruise on the Hackensack River with Captian Hugh Carola of Hackensack Riverkeeper. We learned about the area of the river from New City all the way down to Newark Bay, about the fish and birds that call the river and surrounding wetlandss home, what Hackensack Riverkeeper has done in their 25 years of protecting the river and surrounding wetlands, and more.

As the boat only holds 10 passengers, we were only able to take those members who responded first, as our normal weekly meeting at La Reggia was replaced by this outing. A glitch in the Riverkeeper's paperwork delayed the boat from arriving at our scheduled noon time departure, but we found a way to kill time while we waited.

We ordered sandwiches and beverages from Natoli's Deli and probably would have eaten on the boat, but seeing as we had to wait, we found a picnic bench in the park and had our lunch before the boat arrived. And to our surprise, Cindy made a large container of Sangria, so I'll bet you can guess what we chose to drink instead of the water and iced teas from our lunch order.

It was a nice day, not sunny, which was better as there is no covering on the boat to protect you from the hot sun, so the ride was more enjoyable and there was a nice breeze.

Captian Hugh was very nice. He's spoken at our Club before, but we are scheduling another visit for him to be a guest speaker, and we're planning on another cruise in the Fall.





