

PEE VEE VIEWS

March 16, 2022



OUR 68TH YEAR OF "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"





**Help us feed
Ukrainian refugees**

We must purchase the food that we pack
PLEASE DONATE

**\$ 10 will supply 30 meals
\$100 will supply 300 meals
\$500 will supply 1,500 meals**

Over 2 million refugees, and
still growing every day.
PLEASE
Support our efforts with a
tax-deductible contribution
TODAY

Make your check payable to:
Community Partners for Hope-Gelt

Mail your check to:
Community Partners for Hope
PO Box 532
Pompton Plains, NJ 07718
prc@communitypartnersforhope.org

Grains of Hope is the flagship program of Community Partners for Hope, a 501(c)(3) charity based in Pequannock, NJ

GRAINS OF HOPE FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

For the past two weeks since the invasion, the freshly restored steeple of the landmark First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains has been illuminated in the colors of the

Ukrainian flag in solidarity with the victims of the war. As of last evening, it was estimated that 2.8 million Ukrainians are refugees in neighboring countries. PV Rotary is a cofounder of Community Partners For Hope. Its flagship program, Grains of Hope has packaged about 1,730,000 meals for the needy during the past decade.

On March 20th, 60,000 of the total number of meals packed will go to Ukrainian refugees and in May there will be a special food packing of an additional 100,000 meals for them. Doug has reported that in the last five months, the cost of meals has increased from 30 to 35 cents and additional money is needed to fund the May packing. Please let your friends and neighbors know how they may help: Contributions may be sent to Community Partners For Hope - GOH, PO Box 532, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444. Community Partners For Hope is a 501(c)(3) charity.

WE HAVE THREE PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:

We have three prospective members: Victor Rodriguez of TD Bank in Pompton Plains has attended six meetings. Altea Gonnella of Lincoln 1st Bank in Lincoln Park has attended three meetings and both were at last week's meeting and have submitted applications. Douglas Haber, owner of Garden State Computing, has attended three meetings and was our program speaker three weeks ago.

PROGRAM AND VIP

SCHEDULE: Today - March 16 Business Meeting; March 24 - open; March 30 - Jay Wanczyk; April 4 - Lester Wolfson; April 13 - Gary Adler; April 20 - Business Meeting; April 27 - Tish Auslander . Please let Dave Baker and Patty Odenbrett know who will be your speaker and what topic will be covered. **Thanks!**

PV ROTARY & COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CALENDAR:

- * **March 19 & 20 - Grains of Hope FOOD PACKING: Haiti & Ukraine will be @ PV Middle School. Registration to help is filled, but they may need some extra hands. Contact Doug.**
- * **April 9 - Pequannock Township Mayor's COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY - Help Melissa clean up the town - she can't do it without us! Wear your "Rotary at Work" shirts!**
- * **April 22 - 24 - Rotary DISTRICT CONFERENCE, Hershey, PA. Herb noted that the district is promoting it. For details: <https://www.rotaryathershey2022.org/>**
- * **April 29 - PV ROTARY COMEDY NIGHT (Fund Raiser) @ Wayne Elks Lodge, 7-11**
- * **May 14 - Grains of Hope FOOD PACKING for Ukrainian Refugees will be @ Lincoln Park PAL**
- * **May 30 - Pequannock Township MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - Shrey, Kathleen**
- * **June 4 - PV ROTARY FOUNDATION 5K RUN/WALK - Herb, Janet, Shrey, Jenn**
- * **Sept. 9 - PV ROTARY CHARITY GOLF OUTING - The date has been confirmed by Doug.**

HAPPY/SAD DOLLARS: Doug H\$ For the food packing on March 19 and 20th 60,000 of the meals will be going to Ukrainian refugees, the rest to Haiti; on May 14 100,000 meals will be packed for the Ukrainian refugees registration will open the week of March 14. (This week); Kevin S\$ Gasoline H\$ Baseball; Ernie H\$ He spoke to Dave Baker, only 80° in Arizona, H\$ For just being here; Joe S\$ He went to an expensive place - the gas station! Victor S\$ The Ukrainian news and for gas prices, H\$ He supplied 100 antibacterial kits for the upcoming river cleanup; Kathleen P. H\$ From Bobby, he is doing better, H\$ For a dear friend.

Joe H\$ Interact; Frank S\$ For The Ukraine, H\$ He's looking forward to the gala tomorrow night; Avery H\$ For the people in this room and what Rotary does, S\$ For humanity getting past this war; Cosimo S\$ For President Biden and what he is doing to us on gasoline; Jay H5\$ 5H\$ for speaking at a memorial celebration in a tiny Port Newark chapel; For the NY Outsider Art fair in Manhattan, For seeing an an amazing kick boxing match at the Church Street Gym, friend Luba won her match, For the Irish Writers and Artists yesterday, friend Deni performed with her electric violin.

PROGRAM: FREEDOM AND SUCCESS: **Caroline Verkaik**

Caroline presented her wonderful video story of coming to the United States from the Ngong Hills in Kenya where she was born and raised. She told us that her er father won a college scholarship to study in Denmark and returned to work in Kenya. Despite that advantage, life was not easy. She told of her early schooling and leaving home, discovering a vast world of opportunity. Too much to report here! For more, visit her webpage at drcarolinenv.com



33/33/33: Doug 17 points, but no joker.

ATTENTION PEQUANNOCK RESIDENTS

Conditions Permitting

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUR
ANNUAL RIVERBANK CLEANUP**

SATURDAY APRIL 9th 2022 9AM – 1PM

Due to periodic high water levels,
Pequanock's streams and riverbanks have accumulated litter and debris!

**MAYOR Melissa Florence Lynch
AND THE PEQUANNOCK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**INVITE PEQUANNOCK RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTEER
FOR THE CLEANUP OF OUR RIVERBANKS**

Please donate as much time as you can:

No need to commit to the entire 4 hours --

Whatever time you can give between 9am and 1pm will help!

PLEASE REPORT TO THE SENIOR HOUSE, ADJACENT TO TOWN HALL,
AT 9am (until noon).

WE WILL DEPLOY VOLUNTEERS TO DESIGNATED CLEANUP AREAS.
PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLEANUP AREAS.

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a supervising adult.
We recommend proper attire for working in overgrown, wooded areas.
A limited supply of gloves are available – please try to bring your own.
Garbage bags will be provided. **ANY FACE MASK/SOCIAL DISTANCING**

REQUIREMENTS WILL FOLLOW NJ GUIDELINES AT THE TIME OF THE CLEANUP

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER
AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE
OR CALL (973) 835-5700 Ext. 145, OR E-MAIL plew@peqtwp.org.**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED BUT WILL HELP US WITH LOGISTICS

**Spend a few hours helping to beautify our community.
Volunteer today!**

Doug H\$ The online Grains of Hope gift of life registration was 75% sold out on the first two days! Herb H\$ Cramer is still in one piece, S\$ For the passing of Dwayne Okken;

Kathleen 2\$ For Wayne Okun, he was good people; Victor H\$ He's already signed up for the Riverbank cleaning; Shrey H\$ For Cosimo and for a "generic weekend" (?); Jen S-K \$10 Remembering Dwayne; Jim \$ Remembering Dwane; Caroline 2\$ Remembering Dwayne and she was also sad that some have backed out of her Kenya trip due to Covid - "They are afraid of life." Cary H\$ Krispy Kreme has a new "Twix" doughnut, ensuring the future prosperity of Spa 23; Ernie 2H\$ Robbin is back; Jay \$2, Remembering Dwayne and his family and he was happy for the first in-person Irish American writers meeting since covid. Patty O had a very sad dollar for Dwayne.