

Fairport Rotary Club
THE LIFTBRIDGE
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Rotary Foundation Contributions Still Needed!!

Thank you to our many club members that have already contributed to our annual fundraising effort and particularly to the RI request for Every Rotarian, Every Year!

At this time, we have received some level of contribution from about 20 members, from records we can see. So, if you have not yet participated, we still need your help!!

Please help to keep our Rotary Foundation funded for these continuing incredible added needs for health and hunger relief. Send your contribution to me, and I will complete all paperwork and have it credited to your own Rotarian account.

OR do what several of our members do – go online and set up your own account with RI and you can even set this up for periodic online contributions whenever you want to do them. IF you do this, GREAT – just please send me a quick email to say you contributed online.

You can also set this up for regular easy monthly auto payments direct from your bank. Domenick and others have done this, and it makes it very easy.

Thank you on behalf of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation – and people around the world as well as our own community, that benefit from our programs and most importantly, from YOUR support!

Tom Weldgen



IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD.....

Due to further manufacturing delays, the Main St. (Route 250) Liftbridge will not be open for traffic in February. Expected reopening of the bridge is now end of April 2021.

Parts that caused the initial delay due to Covid, did not meet the testing standard needed and have caused further delay to remanufacture.

The contractor has upgraded the materials and is re-manufacturing the parts. The expected reopening of the bridge is the end of April 2021.



TOASTMASTERS COURSES OFFERED TO ROTARY MEMBERS

Last year, Rotary formed a strategic alliance with Toastmaster International. As part of this collaboration, Toastmasters communication and leadership courses for Rotarians and Rotaractors. The eight online courses are available in English in the Learning Center. (Some are now offered in other languages; the complete curriculum will be available in all of Rotary's primary languages in early 2021.)

The titles are:

- Develop a Speech
- Deliver a Speech
- Inspirational Speech
- Interpersonal Communication and Networking
- Leadership Basics
- Leading a Team
- Leadership: Collaboration
- Building Consensus



These courses are designed to enhance communication and leadership skills and offer a robust framework for learning through self-assessment, independent study, applied learning, and peer evaluation.

Participants will begin with a self-assessment to evaluate their knowledge of, and comfort with the skills covered in each course. After reviewing the study materials, which included videos and interactive modules, they will put what they've learned into practice by completing an assignment, such as preparing and delivering a speech, or volunteering to lead a service project or committee. As part of the process, participants will find someone to evaluate their performance and provide feedback, which will allow them to reflect on their experience, learn from their successes, and discover any areas for improvement.

Learning new skills through the Toastmasters curriculum can enhance many personal and professional endeavors and applying them within Rotary and Rotaract will help strengthen our clubs and increase impact as an organization.

Get started in the Learning Center at **learn.rotary.org**.

Rotary, November 2020

Submitted to *The Liftbridge* by John Hall



January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- President Mark welcomed us to our Zoom meeting and introduced us to his new puppy, Ringo.
- Andrew led us in the Pledge to the Flag, and Domenic preached a whopping invocation—Go Bills!
- President Mark encouraged all to come forward with an interest in a Club leadership role.
- The Savor the Flavor Committee, led fearlessly by Bob Linder, now is pressing ahead with a new fundraiser for April. Stay tuned.
- A Zoom Comedy Night fundraiser is being considered as well.
- President Mark welcomed Dennis and Daniela.

PROGRAM:

Steve Wilson was introduced by Maureen. Steve is a UBS Financial Services VP and Becky's husband. He is an RIT graduate, who enjoys distance running, golf, his wife, children, and grandson. Note: Steve opened his remarks by insulting Lew Heisman, who remains deeply hurt and angry.

Steve's presentation was devoted to "The Economic Forecast With a New Administration". Steve prepared his remarks prior to the election, but, of course, focused on the Dems coming into power.

The GDP averaged 2% from 2016 – 2019. In 2020, the GDP was -3.5%. Steve noted that news events have directly affected the financial markets in 2020.

The global body of pharmaceutical manufacturers drew together to create Covid vaccines. Steve predicts that Covid 19 will dictate the economy for the next couple of years.

UBS is forecasting a growth rate for the US of 3.6% in 2021, which is substantial.

Under the Biden Administration, income tax rates will increase for top earners, the corporate tax rate will increase, and the \$10,000 SALT likely will increase to \$20,000. Additionally, there likely will be another and bigger Stimulus package. Bipartisan support for an infrastructure bill is in place.

Steve added that confidence is necessary for our economy to move forward. Global health care and technology will lead the way.

Steve closed by answering questions concerning funding sources to pay for economic improvements and China's impact on the US economy.

Next Week: Captain of the Colonial Belle.

Lew H.

The Economic Forecast With a New Administration



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Fairport Rotary began 2021 with a Club Assembly via Zoom on **Monday, January 4**. President Mark called the meeting to order at 7:05, Bob Linder led the Pledge then Mark delivered an invocation, stating “Blessings are there although not easily seen”. 40 members attended.

TREASURERS REPORT: Terry let us know that the Savor the Flavor for 2021 is cancelled. Pay Pal site is available to pay club dues, Happy Dollars, ticket money and other transactions since we are not meeting face to face. When you pay please send Terry an email stating what these funds are for.

SECRETARY REPORT: Dave Scheirer reported that we have 51 members, 3 corporate members and 4 honorary members. Turn out for meetings is 66%. Dave will pass the baton as the end of June and the new Secretary will be Dan Arbuckle!

WHAT IS 2021 GOING TO BE FOR FAIRPORT ROTARY?

MEMBERSHIP: Ed shared that we have inducted 4 new members with Paige Wickham being the first Rotarian inducted via Zoom. Now is the perfect time to invite a guest to a Zoom meeting so they can see our club. To propose a new member, go to our website, fill out the application and send to the club secretary who will get the process going. As members of Fairport Rotary, we all need to do our part to keep everyone interested and engaged. Forty-seven Rotarians and spouses were involved in the Pasta Dinner. Bob Hunt will present Rotary information to Waste Management this week. The Program Committee is working to provide a good line up and asks that anyone with suggestions contact John Hall.

LEADERSHIP: John told the story of when he was asked to become President by Dave Doser and through training opportunities, Pre -PETS, Multi District PETS, District Training Assembly and Rotary Leadership Institute was able to gain knowledge and meet Rotarians throughout District 7120. Past Presidents are a good source of information and always ready to help. Presently our club had opportunities for President Elect and 4 Directors to serve a 2-year term beginning July 1, 2021. Please let Becky know if you are willing to fill one of these slots.

FUNDRAISING: Bob Linder thanked Connie and Heinrich for the success of the MADD Pasta Dinner. Our next Savor the Flavor will be March 2022. Terry presented the idea of a new event to fill our coffers. Taking place, the 2nd or 3rd week of May, hopefully at the VFW, take out only with pre-sold tickets, a plate, perhaps High Acres Plate or Red Raiders Plate, with food such as potato patty, baked beans, mac and cheese, hotdog, hamburger and hot sauce are all in the discussion. A new brochure could be placed in the bags. If you are interested in being on the committee please reach out to Pres. Mark.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT: House of Mercy project has a few challenges that are COVID 19 related. Looking at other angles as being in the facility is unlikely. John reached out about possibility of extension of completion time to be able to receive the \$1,500 DSG Funding.

SUNSHINE: Ken Buckle had a fall and broke ribs. Let's send him cards!

In closing remarks Pres. Mark encouraged us to keep the community involvement strong, get FCSD involved as they are a Corporate Member. Bring friends to Zoom meetings. It is an honor to serve as President of Fairport Rotary!

Maureen Hall



Rotary



Dear Rotarian;

We are pleased to announce a unique and impactful membership training event:

“Do You See and Hear What I See and Hear?”

You are invited to register for the second in our series of multi-district “Membership Monday Seminars” to be held on 18 January 2021 at 7:00PM via Zoom.

Join moderator Dr. Sim Covington, Jr., of Finger Lakes Community College, and explore the experiences of 6 panelists around diversity, equity, and inclusion. Panelists will be asked to share how their identity (race, gender, religion, age, physical ability, etc.) has impacted their lived experience in America and in Rotary. Clubs have an opportunity to learn and grow by understanding how they may appear to a newcomer or to someone who may not look and sound like the majority of members.

A Q&A session follows the panel discussion.

Register today for this Membership event: <http://bit.ly/MembershipDEI>

Registration for this very timely seminar is open to all Rotarians, and friends, from districts 7120 (Rochester/Finger Lakes), 7150 (Syracuse), 7170 (Binghamton), and 7190 (Albany).

We look forward to “seeing” you on Monday, 18 January at 7:00PM.

Our best regards in Rotary service,

DG Linda Kohl
Penfield Rotary Club
Victor-Farmington Rotary Club

Sara Visingard
D7120 Membership Chair
Clifton Springs

PDG Scott MacDonell
Zone 32 Asst. Coordinator

A promotional poster for the event. The background is dark blue. At the top, the title "Do You See and Hear What I See and Hear?" is written in white, followed by the date and time "18 January 2021, 7:00PM" and the registration link "http://bit.ly/MembershipDEI". In the center, a white box with an orange border contains the text "DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & EQUITY" in large, bold letters, followed by "A Panel Discussion Facilitated by Dr. Sim Covington, Jr." and "6 panelists share their stories - Participate to help improve your club experience." To the left of the box is an illustration of a diverse group of people. To the right is an illustration of a group of people, including one person in a wheelchair, gathered around a table with a Rotary logo. At the bottom, the Rotary logo and the slogan "Rotary Opens Opportunities" are displayed.