

Fairport Rotary Club
THE LIFTBRIDGE
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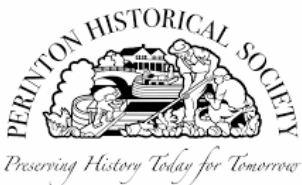


MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Things are looking up!!!!

Tonight, we get to enjoy some fun with Rotary Bingo night!!!! Don't forget to take advantage of a special rate of \$15.99 for Chicken French or Chicken Parmesan dinner courtesy of STF participant Fairfield's Restaurant (585-383-0767). Best to order at 5pm, eat at 6pm and get ready for a wild night of Bingo prepared by Kareen and Hosted by Lew Heisman at 7pm. We are happy to have our newest member Dennis Behr on our team and are very excited to welcome Megan Rinaudo in the coming weeks. We have an amazing journey ahead as we prepare for our next big fundraiser and I remain optimistic that we will be back to in person meetings sometime this summer as we kick Covid out the door. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone tonight, God Bless!

Mark



HOW HAS COVID AFFECTED FAIRPORT ROTARY?

Perinton Historical Society Would Like to Know

The Perinton Historical Society is doing a project to document how the Covid-19 pandemic has changed our way of life in Fairport/Perinton. They are contacting everyone from Fairport schools, churches, to village and town government. Becky and Mark are working with my wife Jean on Fairport Rotary; for example, zoom meetings, change in pasta dinner format, etc. If any Rotarian would like to share their personal experiences, or experiences of spouse, family, grandchildren, job, health, that would be good. Send your thoughts in an email – short, medium, long, a poem or an essay (John Baynes?) – to Doug at whitlawdw@aol.com. Photos are also welcome. Deadline is February 28. Eventually this project will be available online, and will be archived at the Museum with some type of display there when it is open again.

Thanks, Doug Whitney



DONATIONS MADE TO THE HOUSE OF MERCY ON BEHALF OF FAIRPORT ROTARY

Because of the heartfelt generosity of several Rotarians, many homeless people will find themselves warm and cozy tonight. Fairport Rotary dropped off nine lawn leaf-sized garbage bags and two boxes of warm clothing, boots, hats and gloves to the House of Mercy. Special thanks to MaryBeth, Maureen, Heinrich, Pieter, Ron and Dave Large for adding a little comfort to the lives of those who need it most. Just one of the many ways Fairport Rotarians portray SERVICE ABOVE SELF.



2021-22 Rotary Theme



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



UPCOMING EVENTS

- TONIGHT 2/15 – ROTARY BINGO!!** ♥♥
- Next Week 2/22 – Domenick Cecconi – How the Advertising on TV Gets There**
- March 1 – Neil Ready, Head PGA Professional at Cobblestone Country Club – The Future of Golf**

“DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD”

President Mark provided both the Pledge and the Invocation.

Guests tonight included Megan Rinaudo and Dennis Behr. Not exactly a guest, Ken Buckle returned after an unscheduled hiatus.

Becky Wilson announced a clothing drive for House of Mercy. If you have winter men’s clothing to spare give her a call.

Bob Linder reported that the STF committee had met, and that as soon as approved minutes were available he would distribute them.

Karen Zeitounzian announced a new fundraiser – BINGO! Sign up for your board today and play on February 15th.

Doug Whitney told all that the Perinton Historical Society was collecting photos and remembrances of how Covid-19 had altered routines and lives. If you would like to contribute, contact Doug.

John Hall introduced Don Alhart, our speaker for the evening. Don graduated from Ithaca College in 1962 and went to work for Channel 13. He is still there.

Don presented the case for the Rotary Foundation, the worldwide philanthropic arm of Rotary International. Husbanding receipts for three years and segregating the income for that period for administrative functions allows the Foundation to boast that 92% of gross receipts go directly to project awards and operations.

Don stressed that the secret to fundraising was creating personal relationships – between the speaker and the listener, and between the listener and Rotary’s projects. He cited Bob and Cindy Hunt as the personification of the Malawi Children’s Village project.

We had an open discussion of fundraisers which led to a challenge to devote Happy Dollars from the meeting to Rotary Foundation. By Don’s account, we had pledges of just over \$1,000!

NB: Checks should be made payable to THE ROTARY FOUNDATION and be mailed to Tom Weldgen at 1025 Sutherland Way, Victor, NY 14564.

George T Wolf



EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR

Did you know that donors who gave a gift between \$100 - \$249 contributed over \$25 million to the Foundation last year? When every Rotarian gives every year, it makes Doing Good in the World possible through life-changing, sustainable projects.

\$126 million given to the Annual Fund
1,403 Global Grants awarded
31% of Rotarians supported the Annual Fund

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FAIRPORT ROTARY LIFTBRIDGE

February 9, 2021 Zoom meeting of Fairport Rotary was called to order at 7:01 by President Mark Fuerbacher. Bill Stevens gave a history of the Pledge beginning in 1892 when it was written by Francis Bellamy to 1954 when “under God” was added, then led us in The Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Linder followed with a “Thank You” dedication. Joining us for the 4th time, Megan Rinaudo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next week is BINGO night with a Valentine’s twist. Please see Kareen’s email to sign up and remember to purchase cards, \$5. each and send money to Terry via Pay Pal or mail to 19 Valewood Run, Penfield 14526. Funds raised will go to Malawi Children’s Village. This is in place of the Interact Valentine auction bake sale.

Correction: the instore tour of the Dick’s destination sports store tentatively set for February 22 has been pushed back to the end of April.

February 15, BOD meeting 6:00, Zoom. A name for the May 22 Take Out Plate will be selected.

Donations of hotdogs from Zweigle’s and hamburgers from JFS have been received.

Nancy is pioneering a new initiative which she has collaborated with Mark. Next week we have the opportunity to order a takeout meal to be picked up before our Zoom meeting. Call Fairfield’s 383-0767, in the afternoon and place your order for Chicken French or Chicken Parm, mention Rotary and the cost is \$15.99. The plan is to support a different restaurant each week, those that have been part of Savor the Flavor!

Doug Whitney explained the Perinton Historical Society is gathering stories of how individuals’ lives have been affected in the Pandemic. Please send to whitlawdw@aol.com

INDUCTION:

As his sponsor, Mark began the induction of Dennis Behr, a former Canandaigua Rotarian who has charged career paths due to the pandemic. After being General Manager of restaurants for 30 years, studied while being supported by his wife, and has become Mass Mutual Representative. He is anxious to get involved, support the club and share his expertise with our fundraiser in May.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER:

John introduced PDG Bill Gormont, The Secret Enabler for Successful International Service. Bill has been leading teams out of the corporate and organizational fog for over 25 years. He blends an extensive background of leadership, business knowledge and life experience with his talents as an accomplished Master Magician. Bill and his wife Helen are involved in Friendship Exchange, Past Presidents of the Greece Rotary Club, Multiple Paul Harris Fellows and many more Rotary positions. Bill has been a presenter at Rotary International Conventions, a motivational magician and District 7120 International Service Chairman.

Speaking on the 7 areas of focus, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development, The Environment, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health he enlightened us on projects that are being done around the world. Making Int’l service work, people willing to see things not as they are but as they can be. Make the difference, not a difference, invest their spirit, time, energy and talent, collaborate within the club, district, zone and world and give themselves “Permission to Win”.

Contact Bill who is the DISC, Local to global transition specialist who works with Tom Rogers, TRF Chairperson and Eric Schmidt with DSG. More information Rotary 7120.org, Rotary Showcase. Get your JET going, Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas, Take Action.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mark thanked Bill and said how he benefited from attending the Grants Seminar as President elect. Next week: BINGO with a Valentine Twist

Maureen W Hall



Project: Micro-finance in India

Mercer Island Rotary Club (WA) is helping create sustainable & measurable economic improvements

Rotary District Resource Networks – The Secret Enabler

Looking for Ideas?

Rotary Showcase rotary.org/en/project/pages/project_showcase

	Vocational training (Economic and community dev) Proposed Seeks global grant partners The project is to train indigent school drop outs and unemployed youths on tailoring. Location: Nigeria Total estimated budget: 47800 Amount we still need: 26500
	Intubation (difficult air way) & PPE for Covid-19 Proposed Seeks global grant partners Humanitarian project to protect health care professionals for Covid-19 Location: Mexico Total estimated budget: 34730 Amount we still need: 3400

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