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Ted Baker 4/3

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APRIL

MEMBERSHIPS

Sandy Taylor

4/2/2015 5 yrs

Burt Doremus

4/24/1997 230 yrs

Tony Stanzione

4/29/2004 16 yrs

John Hitchner

4/26/2018 2 yrs

4-WAY TEST

In All We Say and Do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all?

CLUB MEETINGS

UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED

Thursdays, 12:10 PM

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Finally, Some Time to Send You a Rotary Bulletin

It is a Thursday and once again, there is no Rotary Club meeting. It has been almost one month since our world changed so dramatically as the Coronavirus started spreading in the United States, especially in the New York – New Jersey region. One of the consequences was the loss of our weekly Rotary Club meetings due to the government restrictions on gatherings of people and the closing of restaurants for dining inside.

I will admit, though at times, the weekly responsibility of getting the bulletin out to you, no matter how busy a week was for me, felt like a burden at times, I miss our meetings and the fellowship we share each week with our Rotary friends.

I had hoped to get a bulletin to you each week, but my work schedule has been such that I have not had time to do it.

Today, I decided to take an hour or so before starting my day for The Chamber and Cumberland Development Corp to write the bulletin and send it to you. I hope as it arrives, you, your loved ones, your business associates, your friends and neighbors are healthy and making it through these difficult times. So far, thank God, my family and friends are doing well.

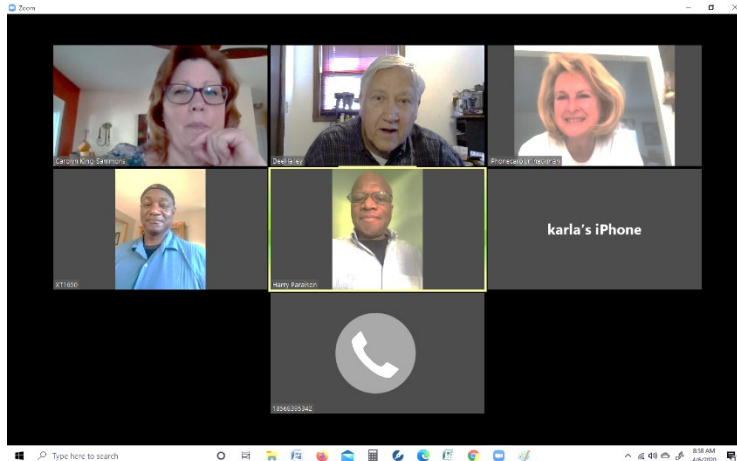
*As I have started closing all my email messages recently, I say to all my Rotary friends ... **Be Safe. Be Healthy. Be Smart. Be Strong. Be Kind. Believe. Pray.***
 – Tony Stanzione



Face covering are required in stores and other buildings in public in NJ starting Friday, April 10 at 8 PM. My wife made them for our family.
GO EAGLES!

Bridgeton Rotary Board Conducted Virtual Regular Meeting

Thanks to Paul Halley for contributing this article.

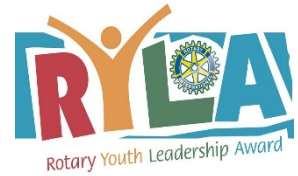


The Club's officers and directors met by phone and computer this week. Among the topic covered were emergency help to our community, Bridgeton City Park Bridge Project, Nail Machine, Student Scholarships/RYLEA, Membership Development & Retention, and Fundraising.

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Pictured from left to right, top row: Carolyn King, Paul Halley, Carolyn Heckman. 2nd row: Mark Wiley, Harry Paraison, Karla Law. 3rd row: Debbie Greenberg.

ROTARY DISTRICT CANCELS RYLA 2020



Dear Rotarians, I hope you; your family and friends are all well and not battling the COVID-19 virus. It surely is a difficult adjustment for all. Yesterday afternoon, after much discussion and consideration, the District Leadership Team, with the RYLA Committee input, felt the best course of action for all concerned would be to cancel this year's program. The District Governor, the District Leadership Team, the RYLA Committee and I all share our disappointment as I'm sure you do, but we know it was done with the well-being of everyone in mind. Thank you all for your support. We will really be ready for RYLA 2021, bigger, better and bolder. Stay safe and be well. **Yours in Service,** Claudia Kammer, RYLA Chair 2020.

Notes from the Club's Board Meeting in April

1. Current membership is 44 (43 active members and 1 honorary member). Member deleted was Jo L. Pearson, who has taken a job outside of the area and is relocating. Best wishes to Jo L.
2. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 8 am and may need to be done via Zoom as a virtual online meeting.
3. Bridge Project: Income: \$29,518.60. Expenses: \$30,038. Net loss: \$520. Carolyn to talk to Tony Stanzione of the BACC to get final payment from donations they are holding. This should balance out to "zero". (Chamber Foundation will send check for \$520 per Tony S.)
4. Nail Machine Signage: Steven Paul and Josh Hughes organizing a clean-up at Nail Machine enclosure and then the new sign will be on display inside. Steven Paul has the new sign in his possession.
5. Treasurer's Report: (Tony Buono) Copies of the March 31, 2020, club and foundation treasurer's report were distributed.
 - a. Club: Total Assets and Total Liabilities and Equity: \$50,372.33; Total Revenue for the month was \$922.25 and year-to-date \$31,209.25.
 - b. Ending balance in bank: \$44,726.43



MESSAGE FROM ROBIN WEINSTEIN ... WHAT CAN OUR CLUB DO TO HELP OTHERS

I hope that this email finds you safe and well! I would like to ask our Rotary Executive Board to consider how we can use the Rotary Foundation surplus to assist our local nonprofits, hospital, food pantries/feeding programs, etc. Additionally, it would be great if we could release the funds raised from the Rockin with Rotary event sooner than later. If the surplus is a rainy day fund, it is certainly pouring (time to build an ark). All of the social service safety nets are stretched beyond capacity with funds/resources dwindling to almost nothing. Thank you for your consideration! - Robin



SERVICE Above Self

FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE: These are just some of the ways that members are supporting their communities right now:

- In Italy, one of the countries that has been affected most, clubs in District 2080 are raising funds to purchase ventilators and protective gear for overstretched hospitals. And when the worst of the outbreak was raging in China, the district's clubs raised more than \$21,000 for protective masks to prevent spread of the disease there.

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- In Hong Kong, Rotary clubs have raised funds, packed medical supplies, and visited public housing to distribute masks and sanitizers.
- The Rotary club of Metro Bethesda, Maryland, USA, is contacting neighbors who live alone and are quarantined. Volunteers are asked to contact at least five of those people each week to ask how they are and if they need anything. Members are also leaving flowers on their doorsteps.
- Rotary members in Hereford, England, created a [Facebook group](#) for Rotary members and others to use to link people who need support with people or organizations that can help. More than 6,900 people have joined the group since it was started 14 March.
- Two days before its annual fundraiser, the Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates, Illinois, USA, moved the event to Facebook. It auctioned more than 100 items and raised more than \$100,000, about the same amount as in previous years. Food that was to feed 350 people at the event was delivered to those in need.
- What can Bridgeton Rotary do? Let your club leaders know.

ON THE BRIGHT SIDE ...



Due to the emergency:

NO SCHOOL. NO SPORTS. NO PARTIES. NO GATHERING IN CHURCES.

WHAT NEXT ... NO TAXES? DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH.

PAYMENT DATE JUST **DELAYED TO JULY.**



BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS FOR A HAPPY PASSOVER AND EASTER HOLIDAYS. GOD BLESS YOU.

HELP. I AM LOOKING FOR PHOTOS AND IDEAS TO SHARE IN THE ROTARY BULLETIN. PLEASE SEND YOUR ITEMS TO TONY@CDCNJ.COM . THANKS.

For up to date business and health related information due to Coronavirus, look at the Chamber's special webpages: www.baccnj.com/coronavirus and www.baccnj.com/cvbusiness

Anyone may also read and share business info. (Chamber member or not) on our free Facebook group – [Bridgeton Area Business Connection](#). You may also sign-up to get our regular emails and news via email. Just send your email address to bacc@baccnj.com and ask to get our news. You do not need to be a Member for this service. AND YES, I WILL DONATE \$5, AS A SELF-IMPOSED FINE FOR PROMOTING MY BUSINESS ... 😊