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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 23 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?

MEETINGS

Thursdays, 12:10 PM

Green Olive Restaurant

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Amid Covid-19 Pandemic, debate begins in America over the right to life, liberty and happiness.

The “open it up” caucus in Congress has spoken out on media platforms, including Sen. John Neely Kennedy (Louisiana), who said that balancing the health of Americans with a functioning economy amid the pandemic was “like choosing between cancer and a heart attack.” “We’ve got to open this economy. If we don’t, it’s going to collapse.” “If the U.S. economy collapses, the world economy collapses. And trying to burn down the village to save it is foolish. That’s a cold, hard truth.”

Rep. Trey Hollingsworth (Indiana), whose southern Indiana district has seen covid-19 deaths, bluntly told WIBC-FM in Indianapolis that **government should err on the side of getting people back to work, even if it means more deaths.** “In the choice between the loss of our way of life as Americans and the loss of life, of American lives, we have to always choose the latter,” he said.

Tony Stanzione’s commentary: It’s a debate that can only take place in America, about freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, free enterprise, health, life and death. Here are a few questions our government leaders on both sides of this debate should consider.

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Be safe. Be healthy. Be smart. Be strong. Be kind. Believe. Pray. -Tony Stanzione

FROM OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

I’ve been in frequent communication with clubs around the district these last few weeks; it is inspiring to see how resilient and motivated Rotarians are. Although it’s disappointing that many of our activities and fundraisers have been cancelled (or postponed), we must keep looking for the silver lining. One such thought is to look at the current crisis as an opportunity. An opportunity to show our communities, our state, and our nation that we are People of Action. To that point, I want to share a few observations and updates with you.

Rotary Clubs in District 7505 Are Open for Business

Most of our 74 diverse clubs have established a way to stay in touch or “see” their members. Virtual meetings are being conducted. Emails, newsletters, and telephone communication continue. The opportunity for service has never been greater. There are many avenues for Rotarians to serve their members and communities, and make their presence known. More on page 2

As time allows and with submission of information, ideas, and photos, I will keep Rotary’s exchange of information and fellowship going while meetings are suspended with publication of the Rotary Club Bulletin. Send items to tony@cdcnj.com.

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How Clubs Are Responding to COVID-19 in Their Communities

During this Pandemic, District 7505 and its clubs are acting impactfully to support their communities. Many clubs work solo on service projects, but from what we hear, there are partnerships and collaborations blossoming between clubs and even other non-profits in our communities. Many collaborate in a variety of ways, and with their projects.

We urge you to submit your stories and activities to us, so we can showcase your COVID-19 service project on the district website, newsletter, and social media. Let us know what you are doing by emailing us a summary, along with any pictures or publicity/ recognition you have received. Please email your stories to our District 7505 Public Image Director, Jackie Boruch, at jvbRotary@gmail.com

We are also available to help you promote your projects locally throughout your communities and to the media. Contact District 7505 Public Image Director, Jackie Boruch, at jvbRotary@gmail.com for more information. Let us know what you are doing by emailing us a summary, along with any pictures or publicity/ recognition you have received. Please email your stories to our District 7505 Public Image Director, Jackie Boruch, at jvbRotary@gmail.com

Announcing Districtwide Food Bank Partnership & “Rotary Challenge”

I’m thrilled to announce a Districtwide partnership that is in the planning stages with the three regional Food Banks serving our nine counties. This project/partnership is tentatively called “the Rotary Challenge.”



Taking the lead: Food Bank of South Jersey (Burlington, Camden, Gloucester & Salem Counties); in coordination with

Fulfill, (Formerly the FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties); and Community FoodBank of New Jersey – Southern Branch (Atlantic, Cumberland and Cape May Counties).

As you know food insecurity has become severe with folks out of work and young students not in school. The Food banks have been working with their affiliated groups and pantries to satisfy the exponential need with limited resources and reserves. These food banks are part of the Feeding America coalition of food banks, but normal food distribution chains have been disrupted. By providing cash donations, however, these food banks can source more of what is needed from the supply chains.

With the help and review of the District 7505 Finance Committee and Treasurer, the district office will provide a “seed” donation to each of the regional Food Banks to start and we challenge our clubs and Rotarians to contribute what they can directly to these organizations. The participating food banks will keep track donations and promote our collaborative efforts.

I am also pleased to note that there will other opportunities to engage clubs directly in the future, so stay tuned. In the meantime, please let me know what type of support you would like to see from us.

Sincerely,
Joanne M. Ventura Esq.
District Governor 2019-2020
Rotary District 7505



*A rotary phone asks his grandson how his first week at school was...
"Terrible! I don't think I'll ever be a smart phone!" "And why is that?"
"They're really putting me through the ringer!"*

It was a tough call to make, but the grandfather filled out an application and transferred him to another school over the hang-up.