

Reporting Meeting of November 1, 2021

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 10/25 Dr Grace Jorgenson: Walter Grattidge

This Week: 11/1 Club Assembly

Next Week: 11/8 Moxxi Women's Foundation w/
Executive Director Leslie Swedish

Coming Up: 11/6 **Sat. 9 AM**, Anchor Diamond Park, Service Project.
11/11 **Thurs. 4:30 PM** Board Meeting – Zoom
11/15 Nemec Designs with Artisan Jason Nemec
11/22 Saratoga Soul Brandtville Blues – Carol Daggs

Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm. Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom ID# and Password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower and Dan Stec.

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Club Assembly (Part II)

Gregg Schorr introduced the Club Assembly and asked Darlene Bower to share an email she wrote regarding the purpose and goal of the assembly. This should be a productive discussion, respecting each other's opinions, listen with an open mind, with the goal to make our club meet the needs of all concerned.

Gregg Schorr shared the feedback received on the screen and began the discussion by sharing that it is important to be aware that members do have different opinions. The schedule recommendations were shared—to either begin at 6:45 pm or continue to begin meetings at 6:00 pm. Members also discussed that we are in a transitional phase that will keep us on Zoom for a little longer. Members shared their preference about meeting day, start time; ending time; flow of the meeting, and agendas. Zoom meetings open by 5:45 pm and members can use that time as a social time. Members emphasized the need for an agenda and a well-run meeting that flows and stays on agenda. Gregg Schorr continued to ask members their opinion on the start time of the meeting and the flow of meetings. Gregg suggested a 6:30 pm start time as a compromise. The group thought that was a good idea. There was discussion about trying to have a business meeting, social event, and work event each month. Social events have had to be scheduled on an alternate night since restaurants are typically closed on Mondays. The consensus of the group was to have a consistent schedule. Gregg Schorr

continued to review the items shared on the list. Of note, Happy Dollars were discussed.

Recommendation: Members should keep track of their own Happy Dollars and send their donations to either Mike Brewster or Steve Geene.

A program length limit of 20 minutes will be shared with presenters. Mike Brewster suggested that if a program goes too long, the club could make the Recommendation to not formally do Happy Dollars that evening.

There was a discussion about a hard ending time for meetings. Gregg Schorr asked members how long a meeting should last. It was shared that in the past there was 30 minutes allotted for dinner and an hour for the meeting.

Recommendation: Begin meetings at 6:30 pm, Structure meetings so that what is at the incomplete end could be postponed to the next meeting. It is critical to let the speaker know that there is a 20-minute limit on their presentation.

Recommendation: Develop agendas and send them out prior to the meeting.

Gregg Schorr shared his reaction to the suggestion to stop saying the four-way test. He emphasized that we should internalize the four-way test and it is important to say it.

There was a clarification about Happy Dollars *not* being used to pay for a speaker. The Board of Directors determines how Happy Dollar funding is used.

There was discussion on speaker topics including Black Lives Matter and the importance of diversity being included in our programming; school boards and parents in our community; critical race theory; and programs that go beyond our comfort levels.

Gregg Schorr reviewed the feedback shared about *Member Experience*. A key point was:

- Continue outreach to those not attending regular meetings
 - Start in person, phone or with mailed Rotateller or care cards
 - Start to assign a mentor to each. Has primary responsibility and reports back to club.

Membership was the next area discussed. The recruitment of members was discussed. A suggestion that members distribute their *Rotary* magazine in the community (i.e. Gils, dentist office, etc.) was made to spread the word about Rotary.

Communication and the number of emails sent out are too many. This is an area in which improvements are needed.

Recommendation: A communication subcommittee will be formed.

Recommendation: Complete Rotateller sooner and get to members as quickly as possible.

The next area of discussion was *Club Conduct*. Gregg shared the feedback received. There was overlap in the area of communication. The emphasis of this area was to be appreciative of one another's efforts in the club. Kindness and manners are key to this feedback.

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CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Stec shared a letter with a request to send a letter to the Ballston Town Supervisor, Eric Connelly, to support a grant application with the NYS Department of Transportation for the extension of the Veteran Bike Path extension to create a regional trail system.

The November Service Project is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, at Anchor Diamond Park starting at 9am. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, and work gloves. Please let Peter Sawyer know if you plan on being there.

The Town Supervisor is requesting ideas for the corner of Lakehill Road and Route 50. Peter Sawyer has collected feedback from the group and will share it with Eric Connelly.

We will be holding the Christmas/Holiday Drive Through again this year on November 30th. Everyone is encouraged to assist. More information from Mike Brewster to follow for this event.

Food pantry donations are welcomed and needed. Gregg Schorr will deliver this week's donations.

The Peace Pole looks wonderful!

May 18, 2021 will be the Spring Drive Through Dinner.

Reported by Maryellen Symer

