## **Reporting Meeting of 17 January 2022**

## **Calendar of Events**

Last Week: 1/10 The Long Road to U.S. Citizenship,

Jan Owen, US C & IS

This Week: 1/17 MLK Day – CarePatrol of the Capital District

Marisa Multari, Capital District Rotary

Next Week: 1/24 How to Die Online - Dr. Carla Sofka

Coming Up: 1/31 Pizza Works; If Rivers Can Talk, Joe Doolittle;

**Hybrid Meeting** 

2/7 Rotary Alive with DG 6990 Joe Schumacker

2/14 Paws in Paradise, Alice Berke

Note: Regular Zoom Meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 pm, effective 1/1/2022. 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 & Dan Stec.

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves

## CarePatrol of the Capital District — Marisa Multari & Rich Curry

Marisa Multari, Capital Region Rotary Club, joined us to share information about CarePatrol of the Capital District. CarePatrol is a matchmaker for senior citizens to assist them in finding a residence suitable for their needs. Rich Curry, from CarePatrol joined Marisa in the presentation. The company's goal is to meet the needs of the seniors, keep them safe, and maintain a quality of life. CarePatrol is expert at services for senior citizens. CarePatrol staff will gather resources and match them to the needs of the senior.

Staff from CarePatrol meets face-to-face with seniors and their family to complete an assessment and determine their needs. The assessment also includes a financial analysis to determine what benefits the senior may be entitled to receive and what they will be able to afford. The staff takes the time to get to know the senior and

family members. The services are offered to seniors at no charge. The agencies pay a fixed fee to CarePatrol, which is how they are funded. CarePatrol partners with 97 percent of the area agencies. The agencies that CarePatrol partners with have been vetted. In addition to recommendations for safe-senior housing, assisted living centers and/or nursing homes, CarePatrol offers a connection to legal services, moving services, cleaning services, and other services a senior and their family may need. Staff will walk through the process and "hold the family's hands". Their overall goal is to keep seniors safe and the family sane.

CarePatrol was established in Arizona by social workers and is a nationwide franchised senior-care placement service. More information can be found at carepatrol.com or by contacting Rich Curry at 518-564-0086.

## **CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dan announced that the Board of Directors approved Peter Sawyer's nomination for President. Also, Gregg Schorr has been nominated as District Governor.
- Dan shared a letter from Melissa Ward about creating a website. She thought the club's website looks good. She suggested that the hosting be changed since it is not currently housed on a secure server. The cost for this would be \$15.99 per month.
  Melissa Ward's company does not charge Rotary clubs for design work and she would be willing to redesign the site.
- Darlene announced that the club received \$2,000 grant from the district for the \$4,000 the club donated in 2020.
- Darlene shared information about a Rotary Leadership Institute on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$25 fee and will be held online. There is an email from RLA.
- Darlene shared that Best Buddies (a presentation in the past) will hold their Friendship Walk on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The club will put together a team to participate in the walk held at Crossgates.
- Dues are due. \$85 for half year. We were reminded to send our voluntary Happy Dollars and dues to Steve Geene.
- Maryellen reminded members to bring their food donations to Gil's.
- Meeting ended with a "lightening round of Happy Dollars."

Reported by Maryellen Symer