

## Reporting Meeting of 30 October 2023

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 10/23 Erin Sisk, Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga  
**This Week:** 10/30 Club Assembly - Leadership Roles  
**Next Week:** 11/6 No meeting: APF next day  
11/7 (Tues) Apple Pie Festival, BHBL Middle School  
**Coming Up:** 11/13 Club Assembly  
11/16 (Thurs) Rotary Foundation Dinner

**Note: Regular Meetings are held Mondays at 6:00 pm.** Dinner at 6:00. Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom link and password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.  
Note: Fewer meetings are hybrid or on Zoom going forward.

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Linda LeTendre*

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The meeting opened with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, invocation by Dan Stec, and reading of the Rotary Four-Way Test

### Club Assembly Peter Sawyer – Leadership Roles

President Peter has been leading the club without a President Elect and President Nominee in place to help with leadership activities. It has been a demanding job. The evening was spent on ways to improve the situation. Each occupied table was charged with being a discussion group with one note taker and one facilitator. Notes were collected from each table by Peter after each of four steps for further consideration.

#### Getting the Club Ready

1. Make the President position less demanding to encourage members to join the leadership track.
2. Assign specific responsibilities to a broader range of members.
3. Consider the leadership track and how we can get it to function better.
4. Reflect on how best to provided the experience that would attract new community-minded individuals to join the club.

Step 1 Change the leadership roles of the President, President Elect and President Nominee.

- a. President: Communications with district and club activities; run meetings, set agenda
- b. President Elect: Work with committees and their chairs.

c. President Nominee: Coordinate speakers and programs; introduce speakers; write thank-you notes; coordinate A/V needs

Step 2. Develop the committee structure and provide more support.

- a. How can we provide more support to committee chairs?
- b. How can we assure that members join committees and are active therein?
- c. Does the current committee structure work? We have: Fundraising, Community Service, Finance, Nominations/Membership, Investment, Club Administration, Foundation, Rotateller, Interact, Scholarship, Public Relations, Website, Town in Bloom, Golf Tournament. Do we need changes?

Step 3. Consider changing the meeting location and venue.

- a. Getting meal counts, preparing the room, checking supplies, ordering meals, and lack of good space to socialize suggest we find another venue.
- b. Can we change nights so we can go to open establishments?
- c. Which places might work best for us?

Step 4. Reflect on expectations of club members (engagement, participation, etc.)

- a. Club members have all sorts of different needs and responsibilities. Some have limitations of transportation and time.
- b. The club needs members to be engaged in our activities, and be part of the Rotary fellowship.
- c. How can we balance the needs of our members and the needs of the club in setting expectations for each of our members?

### Announcements

- We were joined by Sue Austin who discussed Polio Plus. World Polio Day 2023 was celebrated on 24 October as Rotary clubs around the world take action to promote awareness of polio and raise funding for Rotary's polio-eradication efforts.
- Visiting Rotarian Guillermo Trujillo urged club members to attend the Rotary Foundation dinner on 16 November to celebrate the incredible work of the Rotary International Foundation and the impact of District 7190 donations. It will be held at the new event venue, *The Edison Downtown*, on Broadway in Schenectady from 6 to 8:30 PM.
- President Peter Sawyer pitched the upcoming Apple Pie Festival, praising the band who will be providing entertainment.
- Linda LeTendre promoted tickets for a drawing for a handmade quilt.

*Reported by Fred Baily*