



The Villages - Evening
Rotary
Club



Evening Edition
July 22, 2020

Combined Food Drive

For the second time, several area Rotary Clubs joined forces to collect food for area food pantries. This time, in addition to the three Village clubs and three Leesburg clubs, Wildwood and Golden Triangle joined in the effort.

Three regional Recreation centers in the Villages, Oxford Assembly of God Church, Trinity Lutheran Church in Summerfield, and locations in Leesburg,

Tavaras, Eustis, and Mount Dora were drop off points. Our club was assigned Savannah. The donations we re-



ceived were to go to St Theresa's Church in Belleview whose Director

of Outreach, Captain Jack, provided a truck to haul away the goodies.

Thanks to the generosity of our Village friends and neighbors we were able to out do the last collection, and fill up almost a half of the truck. This time donors were asked to not only bring food, but other items such as diapers, and toiletries.

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Zoom Meeting

After recovering from last week's pub crawl, we set out on a cruise under the direction of our president. Everyone was asked to wear their best cruise attire, although Tim T. was over the top with his beach chair, beach umbrella, and sunglasses.

Dusty R., as usual, led us in the pledge, and no one knelt. That was followed by Nancy Y. who gave her reflection on what is happening with the pandemic. President Gay then introduced our guests for the evening and we set off on a ship which may have been the USS

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Not only did Saturday afford a chance for our club to collect donations but also a chance for some in person fellowship. These kinds of events, conducted in a responsible manner, enable us a chance to get together other than on Zoom.

We were pleasantly surprised by the appearance of an old friend.



That's right, Fred Robey, for those of you who don't

know was a former member of our club who is considering returning in the near future. Fred also made a substantial contribution to the drive.

Another surprise was the appearance of our own Rich I. who looked and



sounded great. He shared that he is feeling much better and glad to get out.

We also had a villager stop by who, after hearing

what great things our club is doing is considering joining. She even attended Wednesday's Zoom meeting.

Also at the drive was a potential new member Sheila Rousch who came out to help even though she isn't yet a member. She has an application and hopefully will be joining us soon.

Not only was Saturday a great day for collections but also a great day for the club.



Matthew Lewis, grandson of Tim T. and unofficial club mascot, who will be attending 6th grade at Lake Mary Prep, has been informed that he will be in all honors courses for the upcoming term.



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Minnow, although Gilligan was nowhere in sight. Our captain for the trip, Mike Vernon, District Governor of 6980 then arrived to tell us about the districts journey for 2020-21. We did note, however, the we didn't get an invitation to dinner with the captain. Mike has been a Rotarian since 2002 and is currently a member of the Lake Mary club. He has served in various club and district positions, is a Paul Harris and Bequest Society member and served 25 years in the military.

Mike started by saying how much he enjoys attending our meetings and always has a great time. We are truly the "fun club" whether in person or online. This year's RI theme is Rotary Opens Opportunities. Not only is Rotary opening opportunities but opportunities are opening Rotary. We have found new ways to reach out to members, new ways for
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training opportunities virtually, new ways to gather and have fellowship. RI President has asked us to focus on four things this year. Help develop new club models, especially satellite and Rotaract clubs. Second, Host a planning meeting for your club. Third, select new members carefully to make sure they are a good fit for your club. Finally, continue the initiative to eradicate Polio.

Mike shared three things he wants each of us to do this year. Focus on yourself, take care of you family, and focus on business and security issues.



Our district has two major areas of focus for 2020-21, membership and fellowship. As you have heard, in both RI and the district, membership is a central theme. It is through membership that we can accomplish everything that we do as an organization. It is not just the number of members a club has but, rather, the quality of those members. They are the heart and soul that provide the power to drive our organization forward and into those areas where we take action to make significant, lasting, positive changes in our world. As a club develops new members it is imperative that they are made to feel welcome and part of the family of Rotary. If they don't enjoy the fellowship, we all enjoy, then there are missing an important part of the Rotary experience.

Committee Corner

Sue Bodenner, Chair and members Jim Bodenner and Tim Treat met to discuss public image accomplishments and opportunities. We all agreed we would like to see two more members on the committee as this would help with brainstorming and accomplishment of tasks.

Newspapers:

Sue met with Andrea Davis, Charity Reporter with the Daily Sun and there is a good understanding of stories and information the Daily Sun wants to print. Davis has already used photos and written articles about club activities. South Marion Voice is only interested in news about our club interactions with Harbour View Elementary School and St Theresa's Social Services/Pantry. The Village ENews will accept a variety of article topics.

Website:

The contents of the website were reviewed and a few suggestions for additions such as emphasis on upcoming speakers will be considered. A members only section of the site were board minutes, financials, etc could be accessed is being considered.

FaceBook:

Sue asked for a new header jpg photo with club name and Tim agreed to work on it. We discussed featuring speakers, books and special activities on FB. All agreed having the FB page feed on the front page of the website was a good idea at \$5.00/month.

Radio:

Sue contacted WVVG to see if they would use the PSAs created by Rotary International. They don't but they would accept 2-3 sentence PSAs from our club for their Hot Topics spot at the bottom of the hour. Sue submitted one for the Tri County Rotary Food Drive on Jul 15 and they started running it the same day.

Notes and Announcements

Officers & Directors

Officers

- President
Gay Ratcliff-Seamens
- President Elect
Carole Iberer
- President Elect Nominee
Open
- Secretary
Carole Iberer
- Treasurer
Cindy Ivy
- Past President
Tim Treat

Directors

- Club Service
Dusty Rhodes
- Foundation
Julie Schmied
- Membership
Pat Cronenberg
- Public Image
Sue Bodenner
- Service Projects
Gay Davidson
- Youth Services
Open
- Club Positions
Sergeant-at-Arms
Rich Iberer
- Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
Dusty Rhodes
- Assistant Treasurer
Tim Treat
- Assistant Secretary
Open
- Programs
Jim Bodenner

Guests

- Mike Vernon DG
- Marcia Barber ADG
- Bob Murphy
- Sandra

Happy/Sad

Bob M. is happy because baseball season is finally starting.

Pat C. is happy because the whole family will be at dinner tonight.

Gay R. was happy with the results of the Service Projects Committee's meeting and Gay D.'s leadership.

Tim T. was happy to have spent time with Rich I., who looked great, at the food collection event.

Norm D. just came back from a week in Virginia with his daughter and grandchildren.

Karen J. enjoyed the mental stimulation provided by our club's book club.

Carole I. was pleased to say that she has already received \$520.00 for the Billy Goat Raffle with a goal of over \$750.00.

On a sad note Cindy I. shared that Yori's wife, Teruko, is in hospice and not expected to survive much longer.

Next Week's Speaker

"Reviews, Reflections, Reveries & Ruminations". This is the title of next week's meeting. See if you can figure out what that will be. Be prepared for anything, you never know what President Gay has up her sleeve.

Until the recreation centers reopen, and we decide to reinstitute in person meetings we will continue Zoom meetings each Wednesday night from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. To make it easier we will use the same **Meeting ID: 826 152 7480** and **Password 84594** for each meeting.

Meetings	
July 29th	"Reviews, Reflections, Reveries & Ruminations"
Committee Meetings	
Aug 12th	Board Meeting
Event	
July	Billy Goat Raffle