Trumansburg Rotary Minutes for 9.9.21

**Rotarians Present:** Shelly Bullock, Zoren Bullock, Neil DeRaiche, Peggy Haine, Michael Jimenez, Cindy Kain, Joan Munich, Kathleen Overbaugh, Tom Overbaugh, Durand Van Doren, Frank Zgola

**Absent:** Joseph Barrette, Mark Baumann, Mary Bouchard, Jane Broadfield, Ben Guthrie, Dennis Guy-Sell, Mary Guy-Sell, Bill Overbaugh, Darlynne Overbaugh, Angel Stillions

**Guests:** Jeff Smith (Speaker), Elizabeth Garner (New Member)

**Meeting notes**

We’re back to Zoom for the foreseeable future, or at least until we get some better COVID news from the Health Department.

Good news! President Kathleen and Frank announced two new members coming on: Stephanie, who will try to Zoom into a future meeting, and Elizabeth Garner, a former Youth Exchange Student from Trumansburg, who recently moved back with her young family, and whose grandfather, Jasper Garner, was an earlier member of Trumansburg Rotary. Welcome Stephanie and Elizabeth!

Neil checked in briefly via Zoom from Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, where he is awaiting surgery (scheduled for Monday) to replace a valve and repair an artery. We wish him a successful surgery and a quick recovery.

Plans were made for the upcoming Rotary BBQ on Saturday, September 18. Several of us won’t be able to make it, so all available hands are needed.

Cindy is undergoing lengthy training for her future post as District Governor.

**Club members were reminded to contact Mary Guy-Sell with sizes and preferred Rotary T-shirt front logos ASAP. It would be terrific if we could order these in time for the remaining BBQs of the season as well as for a couple of upcoming photo-ops.**

Especially in light of current national and international weather- and war-related tragedies, it was agreed that Mike will send our annual $1,000 contribution to the Shelter Box people. Sidenote: Both Michael and his wife, Tracey, have fully recovered from their break-through COVID experience.

President Kathleen has been working hard at scheduling a meeting with Superintendent of Schools Kimberly Bell. The plan is to choose the first Rotary Student of the Month for October. Kathleen is also keeping after the Fire Company to set up a photo op with the company and the rescue gear the club funded for them.

Former District Governor Jeff Smith spoke *to* the club via Zoom about Rotary’s Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) (and said he was sorry to have missed one of our home-cooked, in-person, get-togethers).

ESRAG, formed in 2015, is the newest and most active Rotary action group, in support of Rotary’s seventh area of focus, “protecting our environment” and focusing on environmental sustainability. The ESRAG regional group covers an area from Canada to the Caribbean and about 75% of the districts in that area are participating. They are focused on multi-district collaboration within Rotary, including with the newer types of Rotary clubs, and also cooperation with municipalities, corporations, schools and universities, civic groups, and others. With Evan Kurtz as our current District Governor, the annual district meeting will also focus on protecting the environment and environmental sustainability.

In addition to protecting the environment, ESRAG’s related goals include promoting Rotary, supporting economic growth and community well-bring, promoting collaboration, and increasing membership.

Frank pointed out work the club has already done in support of the environment, including Angel’s recycling demonstration at the Golf Classic, the switch to compostable clamshells for our chicken barbecues, switching to re-usable dinnerware at our in-person meetings, and the planting of trees at the Fairground.

Jeff’s talk was recorded on Zoom, and copies of the talk or the Power Point images can be requested from Kathleen.

**Upcoming speakers**

Sept 16: Jane George on wild-and-domestic animal rescue.

Sept. 23: John Overbaugh on SPAM

Sept. 30: District Governor Evan Kurtz

Oct. 6: Seneca Lake Guardians, on why BITCOIN is bad for the environment

Date TBD: Financial Advisor Rordan Hart on why BITCOIN is a favored investment

**Happy Dollars**

Frank $1 for Liz Garner’s joining us

Liz $1 for Frank’s invitation

Shelly $1 great to be back at school

Michael $2, now that he’s sixty-something he expects to be in that category for the next twenty years, and is thankful for Tracey’s gift of all-access NFL games

Kathleen $1 because her son John is here

Tom $1 because their son John is going home

The meeting closed with the Five-Way Test, Avenues of Service, and the closing bell. Kathleen will be away next week, and Michael will conduct the meeting.