



Bordentown Rotary Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, July 5, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 7:33 a.m.
2. Flag Salute & Invocation
3. Members Present: Ellen Benowitz, Angelique Flynn, Brian Flynn, Ed Forsthoffer, Jack Maley, John Pavlovsky
4. Thank You Notes from:
 - a. Julia Peterson (BRMS 8th grade recognition award)
 - b. Bordentown Historical Society (Donation)
 - c. Community Treatment Solutions (CTS) (Donation)
 - d. YMCA of Burlington & Camden (Donation and Recognition on their Social Media)
 - e. Roebling Museum (Donation)
5. Mastoris' menu price changes:
 - a. To keep current meal situation price would increase from \$8.95 (plus tax & grat.) to \$19.95 (plus tax & grat.)
 - b. Another option, which increases price to \$10.00 (this is discounted from \$13.95) is to have scrambled eggs, potatoes, 2 meats, and breads. This would alternate with pancakes or French toast.
 - c. Price has been in effect for a decade so we the group decided to go with option B beginning next week.
6. Golf Outing - ONLY 4 WEEKS AWAY
 - a. Angelique will send out brochure.
 - b. Please turn in foursomes ASAP – we need to guarantee 72 will participate
 - c. Please turn in sponsors ASAP
 - d. You may print brochure from electronic copy supplied or Brian Flynn will print some and bring to the meetings.
7. Morning Meeting Agendas – will stick with the same format and will have an interesting fact about Rotary published at the top of each new agenda.
8. Stop Hunger Now – Dave Forward has emailed me a request to join in this endeavor. Our group feels that we could provide the personnel but we are concerned about the financing. We have already discussed applying for an international grant for Madison Little and Bill Rosso has brought forward a school in Ecuador that needs new computers. Please read the letter from Dave at the end of these notes and reply back with your thoughts. I will send out an electronic survey later today.
9. Foundation – Nothing to report but we had already met our goal.

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10. Bordentown evening club meeting updates – Please try to attend tomorrow’s meeting. Madison Little and Bill Donnelly (Future District Governor) will be speaking.
11. Social Media Updates – Nothing to report
12. Membership – One member has resigned and Brian is working on 2 prospective members.
13. REMINDER – Dave Forward is coming to the morning meeting on July 19th. Please make every effort to attend this meeting!!!
14. Angelique volunteered to store our Rotary Banner and Placard.
15. Adjourn 8:22 a.m.

Upcoming Rotary Events-

- Golf Outing – 8/1

Upcoming Meetings/Speakers

- July 6 – Bill Donnelly & Madison Little (Evening Meeting)
- July 19 – Dave Forward
- August 16 – Kathy Hiltner & Madison Little

Email from Dave Forward

Dear Almost-Presidents!

If you were at our District Conference, you heard PDG Chris Jones give a stirring presentation of the Stop Hunger Now project, where groups of Rotarians (plus family members, Interactors, etc.) spend a couple of hours filling bags with nutritious meals that are then immediately shipped to hungry people. While at the RI Convention in Korea, Chris and I, along with PDG John Hammer and Sue got to participate in such a packaging event, and it was a wonderful feeling to be doing hands-on work while also mingling with people with whom we shared a common bond.

Now that I'm going to be your Governor for the next year, I would like to launch this as a District project...but only if I get your feedback that we can count on your club to participate. The overall idea would be to pick a central location in each of our 3 counties, and have the event on a Saturday. Our goal would be to pack 100,000 meals. Chris Jones tells me that on average, 40 volunteers can pack 10,000 meals in 2 hours. So we would need 400 volunteers. That could be 134 volunteers per county, SURELY when we count out members, family members, Interact, local places of worship, our co-workers, even the Boy Scouts, we could bring together 134 volunteers, right? What a great way to show potential members the work your Rotary club does.

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The cost is 29 cents per meal, or \$29,000 for \$100,000 meals, minus a 10% discount Stop Hunger Now is giving us. Hopefully, our clubs could help underwrite that.

So my questions are:

- 1) Do you like the idea, and would your club support the project?
- 2) Can you suggest a central place in your county to have it on a Saturday?
- 3) We need a coordinator for each county and a general chairperson. Can you suggest a good person for one of those positions?
- 4) When would you suggest we do it? On the one hand, the Saturday before Thanksgiving has the link to "giving back because we are thankful," and yet some clubs hold their food pantry collections around that time. So give me a couple of general date suggestions, please.

I will not push anything on our clubs that they are not enthusiastic about participating in. So PLEASE respond with your thoughts. I can tell you from our Korean experience, the feeling we got from spending a couple of hours kibbitzing with the other Rotarians around our packing table, and then seeing 120,000 meals going out to kids in a Cambodian orphanage was absolutely thrilling!

What an example of Rotary Serving Humanity this could be!

Cheers,

David C. Forward

District Governor 2015-2016

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