



The Sulphur Smell

The newsletter of the Rotary Club of Clifton Springs, NY
Meeting every Tuesday at noon at the Methodist Church Grace Hall and virtually via Zoom.



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Clifton Springs Rotary Club

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) **Board of Directors** meetings will go back to in-person starting with the Board meeting of 12 July. They will be held at the Community Bank board room at 7:30 am.
- 2) Starting with the **July 5**, meeting our Rotary Club will be meeting at the “**Rotary Room**” in the Clifton Springs Hospital. You will need to wear a mask upon entering the hospital. Light lunches are available in the cafeteria.

CHANGEOVER CELEBRATION AT CLIFTON SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB JUNE 29

A good turnout heard outgoing President Tracy reflect on her very successful year as club president which saw a significant growth in our membership. Incoming president David outlined his goals for what he sees as a “Year Full of Transitions” for our club. If you did not hear his remarks at the dinner they are provided on page 2 of this newsletter and are well worth checking out. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a well-deserved Paul Harris Fellowship to John McCarthy. Recently retired village police chief Scott Upchurch received a Paul Harris plus one pin in recognition of his 28 years of service to our village and club treasurer Hugh Kane received a Paul Harris plus two pin for his many years of dedicated service to our club. Pictured are the three Paul Harris recipients and outgoing Pres. Tracy pinning incoming Pres. David. It was a great evening!



RECAP OF 21 June MEETING:

Attendance: 22 plus Mary DePorter on Zoom.
Guest: AG Jim Crane of the Victor-Farmington Rotary Club
50/50: Sharon McNroy: “Donate it back to club”. Thank you Sharon. Big pot is now \$115!
Program: Our friend, village historian Jim Connors, brought us up to speed on recent events of the Historical Society including Museum Day which was held on June 18 and the amazing story behind Brown’s Shoe Store which was in business in Clifton Springs from 1860 to 1960. The very large sign for this store was recently discovered in the attic of the village hall.



DATE & PLACE	PROGRAM CHAIR	TOPIC
July 5 Rotary Room CS Hospital	President David	Club Assembly
July 12 Rotary Room CS Hospital	TBA	TBA

July Club Anniversary

07-16-2019 Kathy Barrick

07-30-2013 John McCarthy



“A YEAR FULL OF TRANSITIONS”

Well, the time has finally arrived. I volunteered to take my turn as Club President two and a half years ago, and now – here we are. For me, this is definitely a “Service above Self” year as I am much more comfortable being in the background rather than up front. I’ll be the best leader that I can be, but I know I’ll need your help and understanding. As we enter our 90th year as a Rotary Club in Clifton Springs, let’s celebrate our heritage and successes, and look forward to what the future holds.

I perceive that this will be a Year full of Transitions:

Transition 1 – Our weekly meetings are transitioning from the Methodist Church GRACE Ctr. back to our Rotary Room in the hospital, starting next Tuesday. It will be good to be back “home”, but going back home is never quite the same as it was when we were younger. We’ll need masks for who-knows-how-long. Room access is not as exclusive as it once was so we may have to accommodate more of a shared space. Our meetings will change as we transition back to time for a meal and more fellowship time and patriotic songs. I’d like to involve more members in the meeting structure, reinstating a Greeter, asking members to share the Invocation or Thought for the Day, giving five minutes to “Meet a Member”. I would like our weekly meetings to become a time that members don’t want to miss.

Transition 2 – Our monthly Board meetings will transition from Zoom back to in-person meetings at Community Bank’s conference room starting in July. Actually the meetings will be hybrid so that everyone can participate regardless of location.

Transition 3 – Our Leadership track is transitioning. I may be the last of the “old, white guys” in the Presidential line of succession – Mary as President-Elect, Susan as Vice President, and then maybe one of our newer members after that. This will give us a younger, more diverse perspective in leadership in the near future.

Transition 4 – Our membership has already experienced a significant transition, which started with training and planning early in the last Rotary year – thanks primarily to Scott and Tracy – and continued with a successful membership event resulting in 14 new members in the last two months! Our Active membership increased from 26 members to 40 members! As Rotary membership transitions to a younger demographic, there is a new emphasis on family involvement in Rotary, not just a participants in Rotary events, but also as Rotary members. I would like us to look at expanding our membership options to include a Family membership – modeled after our recent Corporate membership which has been so successful. Let’s continue the direction and momentum for adding new members as a focus for our club activities this year.

Transition 5 - Rotary International has elected Jennifer Jones of Ontario, Canada as the 1st Woman RI President. She has chosen for her theme, Imagine Rotary. Here is a paragraph from the RI website.

As the first woman to be elected president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. “I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership,” Jones said. “I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family.”

So, RI has set goals for Female membership and under 40 membership. The immediate goal for female membership is 30%, with the ultimate goal being 50%. We’ll begin our Rotary year with 38 Active, Associate & Club 85 members – 57.9% women. We’ve already surpassed the RI goal! I don’t know what the RI goal is for leadership under 40 years old, but as we transition out of my year as Rotary President, I am sure we will well on our way to meeting that goal as well.

Transitioning to Goals, I would like to use RI’s Club Citation Goals to help our club focus on the things that make “Service Above Self” visible in our community and “People of Action” an apt description of our members. We’ll look at the specific goals I have chosen at our Club Assembly program on July 5th.

Finally, I would like to thank and honor Tracy for her leadership of our club this year. There have been both significant challenges and significant successes that she has handled with utmost thoughtfulness, compassion, and professionalism. Your commitment to this club and to Rotary are exemplary and we are forever grateful. Please accept our sincere thanks.

And with that, let’s transition to this evening’s Paul Harris Presentations.