

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

October 12, 2020

Minutes

Present:

Michael Van Stine-President

Manuel Nunez-Treasurer

David Winter-Secretary

Kathleen Van Stine

Jerry Clark

Dave Zelley

The meeting was called to order by Pres V at 8:03 P.M.

Pres V. advised that he had mailed out all the Indian Rocks raffle tickets to all members. All members present said they had received their tickets by mail. Pres. V. said we had been allocated 400 tickets, so he sent out 40 tickets per member. All were asked to sell just as many as they could reasonably do. He announced that he and Manny had already sold 60 tickets.

Pres V informed all that Cathy Hiltner had advised that the District was awarded more RI Foundation share money than expected and that our district grant will be fully funded at \$2500. The pantry program will be moving at the end of November and the schedule is right on time.

Pres V advised that the weather for the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Carlton R. Rouh Veterans center was spectacular. There were 70 people in attendance and the Rolling Thunder motorcycle club had donated a POW Flag to be flown under the American Flag. In addition, five officers from the Lindenwold Police Dept attended the ceremony. A Vietnam veteran, who was a cousin of Pres V, recently passed and many of his belongings were donated to the Veterans Center.

Pres V announced that Dave Z, a PDG, decided he wanted to officially join the E-Club! Pres V. informed that he had completed the RI application form and that all our bylaws required was unanimous vote by our members. A motion to accept Dave as a member was approved by all. Dave thanked the members.

Dave Z was then our guest speaker for the night. he talked about the great need for dental care in third world countries. He then spoke sharing details from some of his 20+ dental and polio missions. He highlighted first his trips to India and Nigeria to distribute polio vaccines. This was part of National Immunization Day where 70 million people were vaccinated. Dr. Dave and his wife both administered the vaccine to more than 1500 people. Now, both India and Nigeria are polio free.

he then discussed some of his dental missions to Nicaragua, Ghana, Malawi, Guatemala, Uganda, and Mexico. In 2002, when he led a team to Nicaragua to a remote location, no electricity that made dental care difficult. He told of some scary times when stopped by men with machine guns, and another time police thought his dental tools were weapons. He discovered the King of Ghana, whom he treated there, lived for one-half of the year right here in Jackson NJ. He ended up giving him extended care in the U.S. Having no anesthesia for people made dental services challenging. Returning volunteers were pleased to find out that 95% of the fillings were successful. When their volunteer work was finished, the owner of a local hotel provided a sailboat cruise to say thank you.

Dave also worked in Ghana with a group of OB/GYN volunteers and helped serve several women with OB/GYN cancers.

Dave also completed several missions with RI which included eye doctors and dentists. Free eye care and dental services were provided. Dave also set up a few clinics in many countries. Dave then narrated a slide program showing of the places where clinics were established. Part of the program was to provide dental student and eye care students training in their field. Every trip included a day at an orphanage.

Pres V asked about dentures. Dave explained that in remote areas dentures were not possible. Dave concluded by saying his training as an athletic trainer provided him a valuable medical background.

All were humbled by the extensiveness of Dave's working all these countries and he emphasized how rewarding was the work.

Pres V closed the meeting requesting that raffle ticket money and sold ticket stubs be returned to him by November 27, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M.