

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

September 14, 2020

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present:	Michael Van Stine-President
	Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
	Nicole Keller
	Jerry Clark
	Dave Zelley – Guest
	Dave Cornwell – Guest

Pres V advised that we had two guests for our meeting – one a PDG of our old D7540 – Dave Zelley and our guest speaker for the evening – Dave Cornwall – who would be speaking on the Cementon Food Pantry, directly affiliated with the Spectracare Foundation and the recipient of equipment we are helping procure through our district grant application. As such, he felt we should suspend the business portion of our meeting until next meeting and spend our time with our guests.

Dave Zelley had a very difficult time connecting. He was unfortunately not able to attend much of the meeting. Manuel agree to help him troubleshoot the cause of the difficulty. It seemed that everyone else was connecting with good results.

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Just hang up to disconnect.

Dave Cornwell then explained the history and current operations of the food pantry. He explained that the pantry was formed because of many families approaching his nonprofit organization because of food shortages and insecurity in the mid-Camden County area that is worsening due to the pandemic. He explained that the organization had developed with the help of the South Jersey Food Bank, Heart of Camden and Philabundance. The pantry was currently operating out of the banquet facilities attached to St Mary's Church in Clementon and was going to be moving to a new location that has not yet been confirmed around late November. So far, the pantry has served almost 1,000 local low-income and needy families, with the foundation specializing in food distribution for seniors and veterans. Food is generally distributed twice a week, along with special food drops that are made at various posted locations. Food bank items ranged the whole gamut from non-perishable boxed and canned food, lightly refrigerated fruits and vegetables and items that were not food related – like baby and personal care items – that are not permitted to be charged on EBT cards. They have made a specialty of creating customized packages for children to be helpful to families during the pandemic and summer school closings. During the summer, the pantry with the help of Spectracare volunteers, distributed about five pallets of food boxes that were part of the CARES Act stimulus food box program. He then explained why the larger commercial refrigeration and freezing equipment was so needed – that untold amounts of very cold and frozen perishable items like dairy, meats and fish, were regularly turned away for lack of cold storage. He and Pres. Michael then explained connections that had been developed with the Rotary Club in Berlin and the Berlin VFW Post that was allowing space at the post to be used for staging and storage and a few acres of ground being made available for a developing community gardening program in conjunction with partners introduced through the Rutgers Camden Office of Civic Engagement.

At the end of Dave's presentation, he took some questions and everyone thanked him for his great work with the pantry and foundation and expressed joy of our ability to help.

In the time Dave Zelle was able to connect, he said he would be happy to be a future presenter at a meeting to discuss his international dental ministry programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.