

## **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

We met **Thursday, June 24, 2021** on the Terrace at Chamard Vineyards Bistro  
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President-Elect Renee - she brought a tiny little plastic bell that she "rung"

**Pledge of Allegiance:** 6:34pm

**Welcome visitors and guests:** none

**Rotary Attendance included:** Dick and Joyce Mason, Renee Szewczyk, Ruth Baker, Michael Richards, Ted Eastman, Andy Berliner, Nelson and Angie Vincenty, Linda Gworek, Dee Tully, Andrew Marzano and Maria Varga

**Mail/Communications:** Dee received a card from Tom's wife Ann thanking Andrew for paying for her dinner as she is not a rotarian and she made a very generous donation.

Also a Thank You card from Scholarship recipient Ryan Inglis thanking the Scholarship Committee for his generous and thoughtful scholarship money.

Andrew picked up \$27 at Leon's earmarked for our CRCRF

Coralee at the HCH Library contacted Andrew asking if our club had an outdoor tent that they could borrow for the summer months. Andrew just found it easier to loan them one of his personal tents.

**Amendments / Approval of Minutes from Thursday, June 17** - Ted made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Linda seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes unanimously.

**ROTARY MINUTE:** Renee gave some Rotary Words of Wisdom by an unknown author

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Our Rotary Club Officers 2021-2022 - Renee announced that there were a couple changes from the officer line-up. She said that Andy feels that (health-wise) he isn't quite up to filling the position of V.P. and Dee needs a break from the Secretary position. So, Renee will take the position as President on July 1 - Maria and Linda will take the position of Secretary and Recording Secretary, respectively. Dee will take the position of V.P. and Dick will resume the position as Treasurer. And Andrew will (happily) take the position of Past President! (Dee will take care of updating the information on DACdb and Rotary.org)

b. AWARDS / RECOGNITION - This was purposely skipped over until all the agenda items were discussed.....

c. Rotary Dues are due July 1, 2021 Andrew has it set up on our website to pay online or you can still write an old-fashioned check and give it to Dick. Dick will send out invoices very soon.

## **III. FOLLOW UP**

a. Thursday, July 1 - FIRST THURSDAY will start celebrating with local bands playing at random spots along Route 1 and the Clinton Art Society will have their doors open for viewing. The CVFD will be at the headquarters selling fried dough and there will be a HOOLA HOOPER somewhere along the route for your viewing pleasure. Renee thought it would be a nice informal meeting to bring a chair or blanket and meet at 6:00 somewhere near the fire house/Congregational Church lawn and enjoy the scenery.

b. Memorial for Marcia Bird - After some discussion, it was determined that maybe we should consult Bo Potter - there maybe something at the Swaun Pavillion that we could donate in Marcia's memory: a tree, bench etc.

#### **IV. FUNDRAISERS:**

a. Cornhole - Sunday, September 26: Dick has Tournament Registration forms and Sponsorship brochures to give out. He will be sending the Save the Date Cards out ASAP. Ted agreed to send out the Press Release to newspapers and any other contacts that he may have - the more the merrier!!

b. Rock Around the Clock (May / June 2022) - no report at this time

**IV. PROJECTS / SERVICES:** Renee mentioned the SummerFest and Fireworks - that maybe Rotary can - again - partner with the other groups to help sell wine/beer in the Biergarten (if they are having one) Tom had previously volunteered to ask the Chamber.

**Back to the AWARDS / RECOGNITION** - At this time, Maria began her presentation to Andrew with a "this is your life" speech of all the wonderful things that Andrew has accomplished in the short time he's been a rotarian in our club. He was then presented with a PAUL HARRIS FELLOW !!!! Congratulations, Andrew!!! You are SO deserving of Rotary's Highest Award!!

Renee then brought out the delicious cake that she brought to celebrate! YUM - THANK YOU!!! Dee stood up and gave a short presentation of the history of the Rotary Bell and how the "Passing of the Gavel" began from one president to the next president. She then brought out our very own BELL and GAVEL (that have been in "quarantine" for the last year) and asked Andrew to RING THE BELL for the last time and then PASS THE GAVEL to our new president Renee. Andrew pinned the PRESIDENT pin on Renee and Dee gave her a "women in Rotary" pin (for our new WOMAN president) What a FUN last meeting of the rotary year!!

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT / 4 WAY TEST:**

At this time, we said the 4-Way Test and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm we all went to pay our dinner bill and congregate in front of the Bistro for a new Rotary Publicity (website and Facebook) picture to be taken by Joyce!!!!

This Thursday's meeting will be an informal one with a chair/blanket on the grass in front of the Congregational Church (hopefully the weather will cooperate!!)