

Spoke March 23, 2021

Evening Meeting 6 P.M.

Presiding: Lisa Wisotsky

Recorder: Jennie Katsaros

Visitors: Honey Kleinberg, Bonnie Sirower

Guests: Lizzie Skurnick, Eugene Skurnick, Cheryl

Rosenberg, Nora and Ken Albert, Linda Hickson and Penny Colman

Words of Inspiration: In honor of Women's History Month, we celebrated Honey Kleinberg, the first female Governor of District 7490 who spoke about her involvement with Rotary. A Rotarian with 32 years of perfect attendance, she has taken on many major roles in her club and in the district. Early on, she was president of Sunrise Rotary Club of Fairlawn, initiated three international projects, and attended numerous international conferences. One of her goals as Governor was to build club morale. She found that by spotlighting the efforts of each club they were inspired to do more. She is especially pleased that the Englewood Club has joined Sunrise Rotary to fund the water project they are sponsoring.

Program:

Lizzie Skurnick: ***The Words We Shouldn't Call Women:***

Pretty Bitches: On being called Crazy, Angry, Bossy, Frumpy, Feisty, and all the other words that are used to undermine women.

The book is a collection of essays by women writers who examine the power of gendered language that is used to diminish women. As we all know, words matter. They can define and demean. Lizzie read excerpts from the book that provided examples of the implications and digs when women are described as

pushy, sassy, ambitious, aggressive. Club members contributed their own experiences with demeaning words.

Lizzie grew up in Englewood, attended Dwight Morrow, and got her degree from Yale. She always wanted to be a writer and was encouraged by her mother who was a literature professor (before she became a medical doctor).

Lizzie is a frequent contributor to the New York Times, NPR, Elle, Jezebel, and many other publications. She teaches at NYU and lives in NY.

Announcements:

No meeting next week. Please consider volunteering for one hour this week. A list of suggestions can be found in the weekly bulletin.