Englewood Rotary Club – December 15, 2020

**Meeting Location:** Virtual- ZOOM meeting

Presiding: Lisa Wisotsky

Recorder: Mitch Schonfeld

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Scott Reddin birthday, Norman Davis upcoming Anniversary

**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:**Dorothy Rottman, Alison Holzberg and Emma Brondolo from JCC Thurnauer; Chip Ambrogio (comedian for our 12/29 Holiday Party; Gary Hollander, Music Director at DMHS & Acadamies; PDG Danny Shiver

**Announcements:** The Governance discussion to be led by Bob is postponed till January;

Amy Sokol reported on the 12/29 via Zoom at 6 PM Is our Virtual Holiday party with a comedian, a special drink, members of the Starling Ensemble, and New Year's cheer" Shelly reported on the Coalition for Racial Justice. Our Board has endorsed our participation and all are encouraged to log in at 6:30 PM on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> for the first event, a screening and discussion of the film <u>Thirteen</u> (about the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Our Club is sponsoring the monthly birthday party at McCloud school this Friday at 2:30 and we encourage members to log in.

## **Grants:**

The JCC Thurnauer School received a grant of \$2,000 from our Club for the Music Discovery Program, a program for students of the Englewood School District.

Nurses for Hope, our International Project in Haiti, received a \$1,500 grant.

## Program:

Dr. Gary Hollander, Music Director at DMHS / Academies gave a presentation. During the Pandemic, as most learning is virtual, he was able to engage many

professionals from the music and entertainment world to log into some of his classes and address and inspire students. Because he had a prior career in the music industry, he has/had good contacts.

He showed a mash up of student performances. Club members were very impressed with the quality of Dr. Hollander's impact on students. Scott noted that historically Black Universities trust Dr. Holander's recommendations of DMHS band members to attend. The colleges know that the Englewood students will have marching band talent. A few of our members praised the District music program and Dr. Holander for his work with their own children, and suggested alumni who are now professional musicians that would be eager to speak with students.

**Attendance**: 30 of 71 42%