

**Spoke
Rotary Club of Englewood
March 9, 2021 at 12 pm**

Presiding: Lisa Wisotsky

Recorder: Carol Schults

This meeting took place on Zoom with about 37 + participants.

Visitors: DG Carl Hasset, PDG Nikki Mederos, AG Tom Ludwig, PDG Bonnie Sirower, PDG Kenneth Martin, DGE John Susani, Past President Teaneck Rotary Tamarha Ellerbe, Past President Ft. Lee- Carmine Melluccio

Guests: Kent Frezzell- Aleta's son

PDG Nikki Mederos honored Aleta Frezzell for all that she does!

Inspiration: Aleta Frezzell gave today's inspiration regarding how to be a Rotarian.

Speaker:

Today's presentation was the annual visit with the 2020/21 DG Carl Hasset.

Has 40 years of service NYFD and currently owns an upholstery shop.

Discussed the difficulties of meeting as groups during COVID.

RYLA is happening remotely in May.

Membership program in April. The goal is to increase the club sizes by 50%. The AG's have this information, if you have questions.

Charlotte talked about her Peace Initiative.

The Treks Initiative discussed. Discussed district fundraisers, this year groups have to think out-side of the box. Groups need to continue to think of new ideas, i.e. non-events, lotteries, calendars.

He discussed how to get together with COVID restrictions. He suggested that you go for a walk and meet and discuss things.

He discussed Rotary International and how they are coping with COVID. He said the younger groups are getting together but the older ones are not coming out for meetings. He said that many clubs are using Zoom for the weekly meetings and then meet once a month to work on a project.

In Rotary International, the US is having a problem holding onto membership. It is critical that we have to "grow Rotary". We want to hold on and grow our clubs. Suggested trying to capture the new people who just moved into the area from the city. For this district, we had a retention rate of 94%.

Old Business:

The Award Gala is happening on May 11, 2021 at 6 P.M., honoring four people and one president's award recipient.

Happy Dollars:

- Many (!!!) happy dollars for Lisa and her presidency!!!
- All happy dollar checks are to be mailed to:
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