

**Spoke
Rotary Club of Englewood
May18, 2021 at 12 pm**

Presiding: Jacqueline Guttman
Recorder: Carol Schults

This meeting took place on Zoom with about 25 participants.

Visitors: none

Guests: none

Inspiration: Sue Fetner gave the inspiration.

Speaker:

Today's speaker was James Fedorko, the Englewood Health Officer, who discussed COVID-19.

After a very busy period of dealing with the disease, things are finally slowing down. Currently they are seeing one to two cases a week, down from 10 cases just a few weeks ago.

Jim discussed the various groups in town that he has met with. He has with the DPW a few days ago, and with the school nurses about students coming back.

Questions were asked about the face mask mandate. The health department follows CDC guidelines and what the governor of NJ states.

The number of confirmed Positive Cases (PCR) is dropping sharply. It could be going down because of the increase in vaccinations or just like the flu, it's a seasonal drop off.

Vaccines are now available at the health department, Englewood Hospital and local pharmacies. Many of the individuals who were "on the fence", are stepping up to get their shot. There was a discussion on tracking individuals who were infected versus hospitalizations. Jim said that now that things have slowed down, they can revisit these statistics.

Jim talked about incentives for getting the vaccine and which (incentives) don't work. He feels that people get vaccines when they are encouraged by someone in the medical field who advises them to get it, when it's free and when it's very accessible.

There was a discussion about how the various local hospitals dealt with the early stages of the vaccine distribution and how the press covered these events, good and bad.

Announcements

- Thank you to everyone who participated at the Annual Gala. Thus far we have grossed \$17,000. Please mail in your donation if you haven't done so already.
- The journal will be downloaded soon, so you can see it!
- The President's ball will be on 6/9 at Seasons, which raises money for the Walter B. Head Foundation, which funds district grants.
- The banner exchange will be 6/23 at The Venetian in Garfield.

Happy Dollars:

- Many happy dollars for the speaker.
- All happy dollar checks are to be mailed to:
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20 Hidden Ledge Road
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