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Commencement Speech and End Hunger 3.6



5/1/2020 — Our Friday virtual meeting featured a video presentation. However before that began we heard from Bill Coleman, President of the Rotary Club of Robbinsville Hamilton with an update on End Hunger 3.6 and what the plans are to continue with this project. We will hear more next week.

Our main presentation was a video commencement speech by Admiral McRaven at University of Austin in 2014. The main message was to find courage to change and he offered 10 life lessons. The last lesson was if you want to change the world, don't ever ring the bell. Ringing the bell signifies quitting and that is something we shouldn't do, no matter how difficult life gets, is to Ring the Bell.

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5/8/2020 -Our Friday virtual meeting featured two speakers. The first was Bill Coleman, President of the Rotary Club of Robbinsville Hamilton. Bill is also the Co-Chair of End Hunger 3.6 which is the Rotary food packing event that is ongoing, to support local food pantries serving families in need. He gave us an update on progress made and safety precautions being followed to keep everyone safe.

Our other speaker was Denise Daniels with the United Way of Greater Mercer County. Denise gave us an update on their food packing event, Strike Out Hunger 2020, and the changes they have made to address safety concerns but still support local food needs.

Our club supports both these efforts and we thank those that have provided leadership during very difficult circumstances.. Please stay safe, stay home and we invite you to visit us in person, when we resume normal operations.

Mercer Street Friends



5/15/2020 -Our speaker this past Friday was the CEO of Mercer Street Friends, Bernie Flynn.

He shared some of his background and the path he followed to join Mercer Street Friends. Bernie also gave us some details on their programs and their response to the additional needs caused by the pandemic.

Our club already supports some of the programs which Mercer Street relies on such as Send Hunger Packing and the United Way's Strike Out Hunger. We will continue to look to increase our support of these vital programs whenever possible.

Hope Loves Company



5/22/2020 -Our speaker last Friday was Jodi O'Donnell -Ames. Jodi is a fellow Rotarian and the founder of Hope Loves Company.

Hope Loves Company (HLC) is the only non-profit in the U.S. with the mission of providing educational and emotional support to children and young adults who had or have a loved one battling Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Jodi shared her own personal experience with ALS and how that led to her founding HLC with the objective to ease the burden and provide support to impacted individuals and families. Thanks for sharing your moving story with us.



End Hunger 3.6



5/2020 — Our club was recognized by Rotary for being a Title Sponsor for the recent End Hunger 3.6 project. We were proud to support this effort to help feed those in need, during this very difficult time.

The efforts of many people to get this done is a reflection of their commitment to the Rotary ideal of Service above Self.



Raffle tickets—50/50 District Wide Raffle. Tickets \$20 each and our Foundation will receive 50% of the tickets sold by our chapter. Please turn in tickets to the address on them. Drawing date is now 6/25/2020. Please mail back by 6/10/2020.

Member News

Congratulations to Jim Kilduff and his wife on the birth of their son.
Congratulations to Irv Urken and family on the birth of his granddaughter.
We wish them all the best.



CRUISE PLANNERS Cruise Planners (Caryn Berla) is hosting Virtual Travel Talks on **THURSDAY** Thursday. If interested, send an email to cberla@cruiseplanners.com and she will add you to the invite list. Past travel has been to Africa, Australia, and France via a River Cruise.



Mike and Nicole Pine helped pack up food for End Hunger 3.6. All safety precautions were in place.

Schedule of Events

All June lunch meetings at the Hyatt have been cancelled. We will hopefully resume with lunch at the Hyatt in July—but that is TBD.

Our virtual lunch meetings are scheduled for Fridays 12pm via Zoom. Login information will be sent each week.

Tuesday, June 9—5:00 - 7:00PM
Location: TBD
Social

Wednesday, June 27— 12:00-1:00PM
Location: Zoom
Joint Board Meeting

Friday, July 3—12:00PM-1:30PM
Location: Hyatt Regency
Speaker: TBD

June 20-26
Location: Zoom
Rotary Virtual International Convention

Tuesday, June 30 - 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Location: To be Determined
Installation Reception

As businesses reopen, please Be Safe and Be Healthy and wear a mask!



Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. Its about learning to dance in the rain.
Vivian Greene