



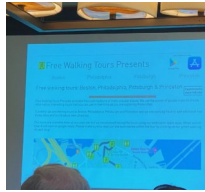
## Top stories in this newsletter



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### Tim Kuser

**4/1/2022** -Tim Kuser was our speaker last Friday and he spoke about the Mercer Automobile Company. This was a local Trenton based automobile company active from 1909-1925.



Tim's Grandfather was an owner of the company so Tim had many interesting photographs and insights into their history. Mercer cars were famous for their racing program from which they competed successfully with much bigger and more famous car companies.

Tim spoke about that successful racing program as well as their standard car offerings, noting the improvements made over the years as well as their efforts to remain independent. There is also a book titled "Mercer Magic" which documents the full history of the Mercer Automobile Company. Thanks to Tim for an interesting presentation.

### Melissa's Brigade



**4/8/2022** -. For our virtual meeting on Friday, our speaker was Sue Diefenbach. Sue is the director of Melissa's Brigade. Their mission is to give care to those undergoing treatment battling cancer. They are a Mercer county affiliate of Lisa's Army, which is a Philadelphia based non-profit with the same mission.

The brigade supplies comfort care packages to those people receiving various cancer treatments, either in hospital or on an out patient basis. Sue gave us some of the history of both organizations and how they go about providing comfort.

Unfortunately they cannot reach everyone in Mercer county battling cancer, due to the cost involved, so they can only currently help a small number of people. They provide a valuable service to those in need so we thank Sue for letting us know about their good work.

### Tim McNulty



**4/15/2022** -We were joined on Friday by Tim McNulty who gave us a historical talk about about the battles of Trenton, Princeton and Assunpink Creek in 1776-1777.

Tim does historic walking tours in and around Princeton so he gave us some insights into the events leading up to these battles, the movements of both army's, results of the battles, impact on the war, and the results immediately after these battles. Tim, through his research, was able to share many interesting details about how these battles were conducted. One is the length of time all of these events took, given weather conditions and availability of transportation.

Tim offers free guided walking tours of Princeton at [www.freewalkingtoursresents.com/princeton](http://www.freewalkingtoursresents.com/princeton). Thanks for a very interesting presentation.

### Upcoming Hunger-Related service projects



**4/22/2022** -Our meeting on Friday was a relatively rare "open-mic" event. Meaning we had no speaker or specific agenda. During this kind of meeting various members will relate interesting stories about their businesses or personal life. For this meeting we also discussed our upcoming hunger-related service projects.

Our members who champion these events were asked to give additional details. In May there are two such event planned. The first is the club participation in End Hunger 3.6. This is a Rotary sponsored event to distribute tons of food in the Rotary District 7475 area. Our club will be distributing food on Saturday, May 14 in the Forrestal Village parking lot near Ruth Chris's Steakhouse.

At our meeting on Friday, May 20 we will be collecting food to be given to the organization Jewish Children and Family Services to support their food bank.

On June 7 our club will be one of the sponsors for the Strike Out Hunger event run by the United Way of Great Mercer County. That will be a food packing event held at TCNJ. If you would like to have a significant community impact and volunteer for any or all of these events, please contact us and we will be glad to add you to our team!

### Hunger 3.6



In the first joint effort of their soon-to-be-merged clubs, [Rotary District 7475 DGE John Shockley](#) (center) receives two \$2500 donations for the [Rotary District 7475 Fndn](#) from [John Molinelli](#) (left), President of the [Princeton Corridor Rotary Club](#) and [Steve Portrude](#) (right), President of the [Rotary Club of Princeton](#). These funds will help support our upcoming End Hunger 3.6 Food Distribution



## Rotary District and International Spotlight:

### RI President-elect

Great article about our RI President-elect. The first women to head up Rotary, her term will begin in a little over 2 months on July 1.

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## Monthly Happy Hour



Our monthly happy hour at the Metro North restaurant happened yesterday evening. Great conversation, food, drink and laughs with our fellow Rotarians. We meet there every second Tuesday of the month starting at 4:30PM so please join us.

We are easy to find as we are usually the noisiest group in the bar. See you next month!

## In Person meeting safety notice



Out of an abundance of caution, for the safety of our members and guests due to the ongoing spread of the Omicron COVID variant, we respectfully request that only members and guests who are vaccinated attend our in-person lunch meetings until further notice.

If you plan to invite a guest to an upcoming in-person meeting, please notify them of this request in advance. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times.

Sincerely The Board of the Princeton Corridor Rotary Club

## Schedule of Events

**Starting in May—our lunch meetings will be in person for 3 meetings a month (first, third and fourth Fridays) other Fridays will over zoom.**

**Friday, May 6 12:00-1:30PM - Salt Creek Grille**

**Speaker: Linda Mead, Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park**

**Social: Tuesday, May 10 4:30 - 6:30PM- Metro North Restaurant**

**Friday, May 13 12:00-1:30PM— Zoom**

**Speaker: Bio Talk**

**May 14, 10:00-12:00pm - Forrestal Village Parking Lot**

**End Hunger 3.6, Food Distribution**

**(contact Ed Keenan ([ed@documentdepot.net](mailto:ed@documentdepot.net)) to sign up)**

**Friday, May 20 12:00-1:30PM—Salt Creek Grille**

**Speaker: JFCS**

**Food Collection for the Kosher Pantry**

**Wednesday, May 25— 8:00-9:00 AM— Zoom**

**Board Meeting**

**Friday, May 27 12:00-1:30PM—Salt Creek Grille**

**Business Meeting**

**Speaker: Bio Talk**

## Member News:

**WELCOME**

We are glad to welcome the Princeton Chapter members to our meetings and events.



Congratulations to our President-Elect Jim and his wife on the birth of their second child. We wish you much joy and happiness.

**New Member**

**Joanne Talbot** has applied for membership in Rotary and his application was approved by the board, pending 2 weeks for any objections by chapter members. Please submit any comments or concerns you may have about his membership to Sal Levatino.



**Member Bio Talk:** Chip Jerry gave a brief bio talk during the 4/29 Business meeting. Chip talked about his background, growing up in Upstate NY, his path to law school, meeting his wife Marilyn, career and recent business developments. Thank you for sharing your life story, Chip.



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