

Rotary Club of New Jersey
February 22, 2024

Present: David Still, President
Michael Van Stine, Vice President
Manuel Nunez, Treasurer
Brianna Tiernan, Secretary
Armand Bucci
Mark Crocetto
Kathleen Van Stine
David Winters
Josh Davison

Dave opened the meeting promptly at 7pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Kathleen spoke about the next SCF event taking place of the coffee & conversation on the 29th starting at 10. Today there were over 30 veterans. Kathleen will be placing a food order of approx. 50 attendees.

Dave was able to connect with the Rotary Club in Peru. They are in need of feminine hygiene products that Dave would like to do some community service for. Dave has met a few other people including a painter that want to get involved with Rotary and SCF.

Michael gave his VP report:

Michael has a contact through Rotaract that is involved with Puerto Rico/Peru and may be able to get involved for the hygiene project

Michael suggested getting involved with Rotary International more so than we have been.

He spoke about the convention coming up in AC.

Rotary International has given us approval to use the name Rotary in the foundation name so long as Rotary and Foundation are not next to each other. So we will be using [FIND NAME]. Having the operation foundation allows for more benefits between SCF and Rotary

Michael committed to 1 Torch slot and 1 RYLA slot for the club. Bryan was appreciative of the scholarship for Taylor with her ecology project. Manuel will contact them along with Dave to get Taylor on the guest speaker schedule.

Dave W will be doing interviews in May up north for Torch students. He is hoping to get a significant number of students involved. He believes the cost for Torch will be \$425 which he will confirm and send Manuel the information. Michael and Dave spoke about how to go about selecting a student for the RCNJ torch slot.

Michael also spoke about the local VFW and American Legion lobbying for a SCF
Over 800 veterans were assisted at SCF as per the report for the Patriot Fund

Kathleen is working with someone for funding and is hopeful to move the location of the gala to the Battleship NJ pending funding.

Dave introduced Josh Davison, a financial planner that Dave knows personally. Josh heard Dave speak today at BNI. He works with youth doing financial education. He is looking to get more involved with community service. He also offered his free services for SCF for assisting veterans with sorting out their finances. Kathleen will connect with Josh for coffee and conversation.

Manuel did not do a financial report because the numbers given at the previous meeting were incorrect. The District Invoice \$440 has arrived. This will be paid once a few more dues come in.

With the incorrect numbers being noted, Dave motioned to approve the minutes, Manuel seconded. Minutes from 2-8-24 were approved.

Michael made note that the USA landed on the moon in a USA made vessel today.

Dave motioned to adjourn, Brianna seconded. Dave adjourned the meeting at 7:55.