

Rotary Club of New Jersey
April 11, 2024

Present: David Still, President
Michael Van Stine, Vice President
Manuel Nunez, Treasurer
Kathleen Van Stine
David Winters
Shy Meyers
Taylor Helman
Heather Fowler

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

Dave spoke about the SCF Medal of Honor event earlier in the day. Michael accepted a Medal in his father's honor. Kathleen shared that the turn out was great for the event. Channel 6 news was there. Manuel is working on getting the recording of the news coverage. Michael shared some information about his father.

Michael gave the VP report:

Dave W shared 76 applicants for torch they are hoping to get to 100.

Michael briefly explained RYLA and Torch. Taylor shared that she went to Torch last year and is hoping to be a counselor this year. Dave W and Taylor spoke briefly about Torch Academy.

Kathleen introduced Heather, a veteran spouse. Heather has become her husband's advocate and is becoming involved with SCF and helping with the Gala.

Manuel introduced Taylor. She is presenting her Compost Project. Taylor is a senior Interact member in high school. Michael explained that Rotary has 7 areas of focus one of which is the environment. Taylor focused her project on her elementary school bringing back to her own community.

"Composting at Baker" March 3, 2023-May 1, 2023

The goal was to incorporate composting tumblers into lunchrooms for students to put their organic waste in that, with a school wide initiative, could be used for gardening. Taylor explained what composting is, what the tumblers were outside, what the school would be utilizing inside, and why these were the best options. Taylor further explained how the students were involved. Taylor supervises once a week to ensure that all steps are running smoothly. Taylor showed a video of some students using tumblers and small bins. Q&A followed her presentation.

Kathleen announced Beef and Beer on June 8th, and the Gala is Sept 12th.

Dave motioned to adjourn, Michael seconded. Meeting was adjourned.