

Rotary District 7505 e-Club

July 12, 2021

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President Van Stine.

Present:	Michael Van Stine-President
	Manuel Nunez-Treasurer
	David Winter-Secretary
	Rita Aderian
	Dave Still
	Kathleen Van Stine-Guest

President V started the meeting by introducing two of our new five members – Rita and Dave – and also indicated that Kathleen Van Stine was a guest reporting on events with the SC Foundation.

Kathleen then advised that the Carlton Rouh Veterans Center had its ribbon cutting on May 11<sup>th</sup> which was well attended and for which the SC Foundation received a lot of awards w/front page news coverage in the Courier Post newspaper. Kathleen said the partnership is providing funds that have had a positive effect in supporting Veterans, at risk seniors and animals. She said that Dave Still continues to be involved in placing dogs and cats including disabled pets helping disabled veterans. Also, the VNA has been providing health screenings to veterans. In addition, the Food Pantry continues to provide essential support to disadvantaged veterans. Kathleen was also pleased to inform all that help is being provided to homeless veterans. Finally, she advised that apprenticeship programs are under development with funding sought to help home health care aides to be upskilled with better pay.

Pres V discussed how Uninvest is a planned partner in providing foundation support and possible new programs with reverse mortgages to seniors. The goal of this program is to keep more seniors in their homes for as long as possible that they might be able to age in place and in greater comfort and security.

Pres V played two short video clips showing what Rotary is all about for our new members. He also put up the RI Home Page for all to see. He said he was pleased to advise that RI is close to eradicating polio. Just small pockets in Pakistan and Afghanistan remain. how RI is now involved in protecting the environment. These are local activities including cleanup projects.

Pres V said that Rotary is not measured by time given but that most members get excited about particular projects and or programs. He repeated his goal of establishing an international project with students from Rutgers.

Pres V told new members that Manny can help set up access to all RI websites.

Rita stated that she was honored to call Pres V and Kathleen her friends. She said she was originally from Nigeria but is proud to be an American.

Pres V echoed their friendship as well as their professional joint ventures and all of Rita's phenomenal educational and business successes with her PhD in nursing, a super-successful staffing business and her international fellowship. Rita repeated that she is looking forward to being engaged in Rotary.

Dave Still explained that he owns an expense reduction firm and that he is pleased to be a Spectra Care Foundation committee member. He has a BA in Sociology and is looking forward to helping the community. Kathleen said he is an integral part of the Foundation.

Pres V said he is pleased that the building now has video capability so members can view items at any time.

Pres V discussed information from the Annual Convention. He explained that RI is set up from the bottom up with clubs organized into districts and districts combined into zones. Each zone coordinator then sits on the RI Board. Rotary has a CEO who is the backbone of RI but there is a President who serves a one-year term. Pres V said that rotating presidents at the Club level is positive for the health of the club. Pres V stressed that Rotary encourages empowering student and individuals.

Pres V said he continues to work on establishing a Rotaract Club at Rutgers and hopes to obtain a major international grant in the future. He hopes to have the grant include a substantial international exchange program.

Pres V discussed attending several RYLA North training sessions and was impressed with all presenters and participants.

Pres V reminded all that no question is a problem, and no idea will ever be ignored.

Finally, Pres V stated that no new members will join until the recertification process has been completed.

After some informal exchanges of kinship, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.