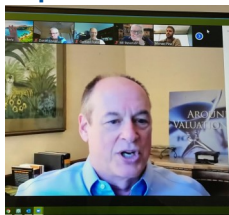




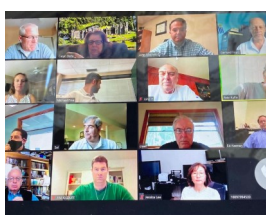
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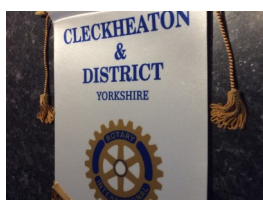


6/5/2020 — We continue to have Zoom meetings every Friday in lieu of meeting in-person, although we hope to do live meetings in the near future.

No speaker this week but updates on club business, making sure everyone is still safe and well

and staying connected.

Bill Stevenson and Greg Caruso



6/12/2020 -Our Zoom club meeting this week featured two speakers. The first was a visiting Rotarian from England, Bill Stevenson. Bill shared some of the activities of his club. Although we could not immediately exchange club banners, it was good to have a visiting Rotarian on our call.

The other speaker was our member Greg Caruso, who recently joined our club from another local club. Greg gave us his bio talk so members could get to know him better.

Greg shared some of his experiences about how he arrived in New Jersey, his current role as owner of a Business Brokerage as well as other careers he has had.

Michael O'Donnell

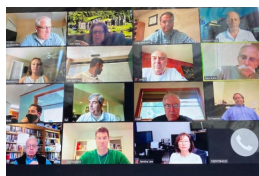


6/19/2020 -Our speaker this Friday was Michael "Medium Rare" O'Donnell. He is the owner of Cave Tools, one of the largest direct to consumer manufacturers of barbecue and cooking tools in the United States.

In late 2018, Michael started a new company called Grill Master University, which partners with famous barbecue chefs to produce high quality online Barbecue Master-classes.

Mike discussed his path as an entrepreneur, product development and the challenges involved in overseas manufacturing and internet marketing, such as the pay per click method.

Last Meeting of the Rotary Year



6/26/2020 -Our last meeting of the Rotary year, which ends on June 30, was this past Friday. Among other things this means the leadership of the club will be changing so this was current President Gerhard Franz last meeting as President.

Thank you for your service and leadership to the club, under unique and difficult circumstances.

Social



6/9/2020 — Our club held its first outside social and met at the home of our President, Gerhard Franz. It was a nice change of pace to actually meet face to face (even with 6 ft of physical distancing) and wearing masks.





Installation



6/26/2019- With the end of the Rotary year fast approaching our club installed a new set of Officers and Board positions at the installation event on Saturday. This was a much less formal event than usual for an installation but given the circumstances, we were glad to be able to hold an event at all.

Outgoing President Gerhard Franz said a few words to thank his Board and Officers for their service. In turn, those in attendance thanked Gerhard for his service and leadership during a very difficult time. He recognized two members for their service during his term, Treasurer Jerry Ford and Membership Chair Sal Levatino.

We were still able to maintain support for important projects and our scholarship program during this time so that is a tribute to Gerhard's leadership. Incoming President Michael Pine, and the incoming Officers and Board were then sworn in with their term beginning 7/1/2020. Mike has three areas of focus for his term, expanding our services to the community, growing membership in our club and enhanced fellowship opportunities.

Best of luck to Mike during his term and looking forward to another great Rotary year.



Schedule of Events

July 3rd meeting is cancelled due to Independence Day.

Our virtual lunch meetings will continue in July Fridays 12pm
Zoom login information will be sent each week.



Friday, July 10 12:00-1:00PM

Speaker: Vinny DiMeglio, SVP at JLL, topic: Commercial Real Estate market

Tuesday, July 14—5:00 - 7:00PM

Location: TBD, Social

Wednesday, July 22— 12:00-1:00PM

Location: Zoom, Board Meeting



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



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Statement from Rotary International

At Rotary, we have no tolerance for racism. Promoting respect, celebrating diversity, demanding ethical leadership, and working tirelessly to advance peace are central tenets of our work.

We have more work to do to create more just, open and welcoming communities for all people.

We know there are no easy fixes and that challenging conversations and work lie before all of us. Rotary's strength has long been our ability and commitment to bringing people together. We will tap into that strength now as we stand with those who are working for peace and justice.

Rotary will do our part to listen, learn and take action to ensure that we continue to contribute to making positive change.