

NORTH MECKLENBURG ROTARY CLUB TODAY • JULY 29, 2020

Today's Speaker

To be revealed at meeting time!

Invocation & Pledge

Today—Callan Bryan; August 5—Rebecca Barnes; August 12—Denis Bilodeau; August 19—Cathy Bentz

Health & Happiness

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Notes from the Previous Meeting

President Donna Moffett called the club's 1525th meeting to order at its new home in Harvey's restaurant. Chris Ahearn led invocation and pledge. Traci Stehle welcomed Dominique Bredeson's daughter, a distinguished visitor, was recognized and appreciated on the occasion of her birthday. President Moffett introduced club member Marilyn Cunningham as speaker for the day to talk about how her business, Good Clean Fun, has been affected by COVID-19.

Marilyn, also affectionally known as "The Queen of Clean," said she founded her company 24 years ago when her daughter caught a mysterious disease on a playground that almost killed her. Marilyn dedicated her company to keeping businesses clean, safe and professionally disinfected. Industrial sized playscapes, such as those associated with fast food restaurants, have made up a large part of her client base.

She explained how people catch COVID-19, and noted that it might be spread through contact with people who don't even show symptoms. She explained its biology, and talked about safety measures. She said simply cleaning surfaces with soap and



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water can kill the virus for a short while. It can linger up to three hours in the air, 2-to-3 days on porous surfaces, and even longer on non-porous surfaces.

She said the CDC recommends a two-step process to properly treat the virus. First you should clean surfaces that are frequently touched with soap and water, and then you should disinfect those areas with an EPA-certified commercial disinfectant that is known to kill the virus. The label also is printed with an EPA registration number to provide information about it, such as how long you have to expose the surface to be cleaned. She also cautioned listeners that

solutions labeled as "green" most likely don't meet EPA standards.

Marilyn also suggested that companies conduct an audit of areas that should be regularly treated, looking for items you wouldn't normally consider, such as refrigerator handles, electronic devices, and coffee pot handles.

Marilyn said there are pros and cons for most forms of cleaning. Soap and water are easy to find and use. Bleach can destroy almost all viruses, but must be handled with care. She said the CDC hasn't determined whether heat can kill the virus, but data indicate it

might. Hydrogen peroxide is good if you can find it, but it can be corrosive to metals. Citric acid and direct UV light are also effective in stopping the virus. She said it's important that work sites and office areas get plenty of fresh air, which is much more efficient than stale indoor air in sealed buildings. There is new technology for fogging areas with certain chemicals to kill the virus. She confirmed that one of the easiest and most efficient methods is wearing masks.

She said that if you know someone has been exposed, it's important to isolate them for a certain period of time. Otherwise, use common sense in keeping areas clean and frequently sanitized. treatments. Marilyn noted the more information is available at the EPA's web site.

Cameron Bearder led Health and Happiness. Mike Toll enjoyed a visit from his daughter, and Jonathan Marlowe welcomed a visitor. Anna Davis made a plea for donations to the CART bucket, and Richard Colven wished he was still at the beach. Jack Shimko pleaded for donations to support the Christmas project, and the whole assembly celebrated Maria Cunningham's birthday.

President Moffett led recitation of the Four Way Test, and raised a toast to the eventual eradication of Covid-19,