**Rotary Year 2020-2021**

President: Courtney Nuzzo

The RI theme for Rotary year 2020-2021 was “**Rotary OpensOpportunities”.**

The Rotary year began with the entire country in a lock down to try to slow the spread of COVID-19. The first day of the Rotary year there were 2.5 million cases in the United States. By July 15 2 weeks later the number had grown to 3.3 million in two weeks. There was not a vaccine available, and the best guidance was to wear a mask, socially distance (Stay 6 feet apart) and wash your hands. It remained impossible for the club to meet safely at the regular location and to provide food. The Board decided to provide the Caterer with several months of pay at the beginning of the year.

The club continued to meet virtually on a weekly basis with speakers participating virtually. This format allowed us to socially distance and have some very interesting speakers who may not have been able to meet with us in person. My fellow Rotarian Bob Jansen became the technical assistant by default for the entire year. (He had not planned on that but when travel was restricted to Europe he stepped up) His willingness to learn something new and assist the speakers with screen sharing etc. was invaluable.

2020-2021 CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITEES

PRESIDENT Courtney Nuzzo

PRESIDENT-ELECT John McEvilly

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Deborah Jackson

TREASURER Richard Golden

SECRETARY Anton Dmitrov

VICE PRESIDENT Michael Arietti

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Deborah Jackson

PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIR Eva Sereghy

SERVICE CHAIR Barry Byers

ADMIN CHAIR Carol King

GRANTS CHAIR Michael Arietti

FOUNDATION CHAIR Sam Agarwal

INTERNATIONAL CHAIR Lois Wilson

YOUTH SERVICES CHAIR Bob Jansen

SERGEANT AT ARMS Paul Sawtell

WEBMASTER Richard Golden

**Membership/Fellowship**

Since virtual was the only way to meet, we did have a couple of members join during the year, but we did not meet in in person during 2020-2021.

**Fundraising**

We did not hold the major fund raiser during this year for safety reasons for the community, ( to not become a Super spreader event).

We did hold Flags for Heroes since it was an outdoors activity, and we held a virtual painting class as a fundraiser and fellowship activity. Several staff members from The Lewinsville participated and some Rotarians purchased a canvas for several Lewinsville residents.

The club rejected a new idea to raise funds with a drawdown fundraiser.

**Grants**

We resumed our practice of member voting on funding projects through grants from our Club Foundation. Under the direction of our Michael Arietti and Eva Sereghy, members received information on each nominated project and were then asked to vote electronically on a ranked basis for the projects they preferred. The results of the member voting were then passed to the Club Foundation. The Foundation Board then made final decisions to allocate funding for the recommended projects. Specific assistance for organizations struggling with the pandemic.

Projects supported by the McLean Rotary club in 2020–2021 included:

SHARE

Chesterbrook

Cameron’s Coffee

In summary I am most proud that we did not lose a single member to COVID-19 this year and the club survived.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Nuzzo