

SMOKETOWN ROTARY CLUB CHALLENGE

By Dick Foot, Rotary Club of Carroll Creek

In an effort to make real to Smoketown Rotarians the global impact of Rotary, Carroll Creek Rotarian Richard Foot, sponsoring Club advisor to the two-year-old Rotary Club in Brunswick, Maryland, issued a challenge to the Smoketown Club members.

Foot pledged to make a \$100 contribution to The Rotary Foundation in the name of the first Smoketown Rotarian who connects with a "Brunswick" Rotary Club outside of Maryland. Foot said that the "connection"

could take the form of (1) engaging in one of the club's virtual meetings; (2) exchanging mini-club banner for Smoketown Rotary Club railroad spike; or (3) attending a club meeting, service project, fellowship event, or fundraiser in-person (once the pandemic passes).

Once the contact is made, the Smoketown Rotarian was encouraged to share with the Smoketown Rotary Club something of interest about the club with which s/he connected (signature fundraiser, major club service project, etc.).

It appears that the sun never sets on Rotary Clubs in Brunswick! Brunswick Rotary Clubs around the world are meeting every weekday, except Tuesdays. Foot suggested to the Smoketown Rotary Club that members download the Rotary Club Connector app on cellphones to

obtain meeting times, locations, officers, etc. of ALL Rotary Clubs worldwide!

Brunswick Rotary Clubs are meeting around the clock . . .

Brunswick, ME - Monday, Noon

Brunswick Coastal, ME - Wednesday, 6:00 PM

Brunswick Tullamarine, Brunswick East, Victoria, Australia - Thursday, 12:30 PM

Brunswick, GA - Thursday, Noon

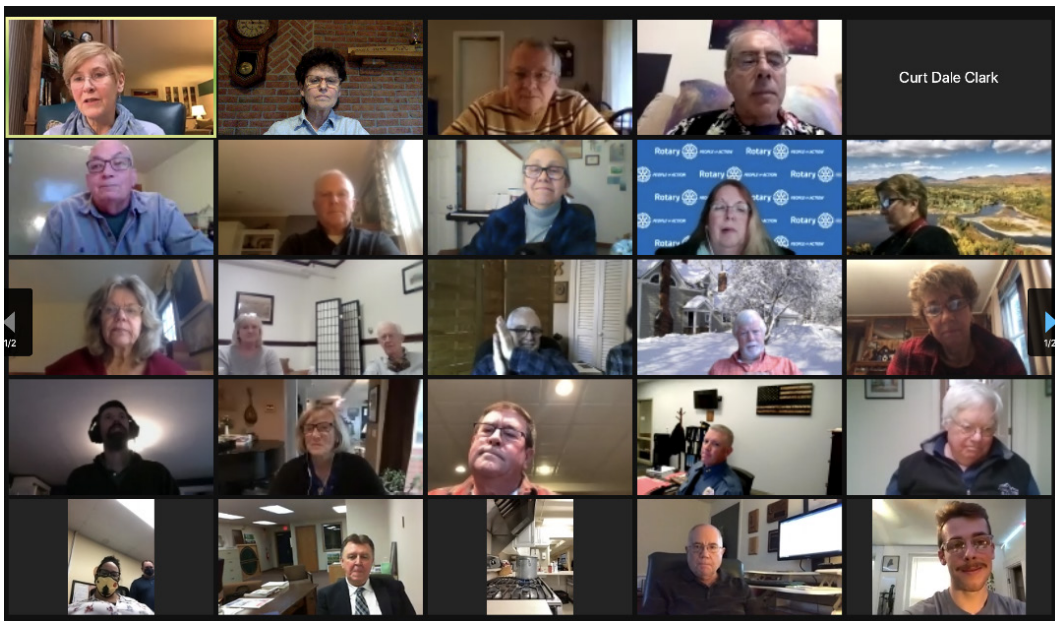
Brunswick, OH - Thursday, 7:15 AM

What an inspiring club! Brunswick, ME has a population of approximately 20,400 so they're about 3 times the size of Brunswick, MD. There were about 30 people attending the meeting yesterday. They support their community in numerous ways - Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc, but they recently donated \$50,000 to help build a Veteran's Memorial Park! They have a routine for their meetings that include introductions of guests, the pledge, an "Astronomy Pic of the Day" (Charlie!), an invocation (they used one from Elder William Brewster

(Plymouth) this week), a "Relaxation Video" (<https://youtu.be/hpKuOIM4qk>), announcements (from specific people and then, from the broader audience), Happy Dollars (including some jokes to start it off), and then their speaker. This week, they surprised the Director of Parks and

Rec with a Paul Harris Award. After the award was given, the director gave a brief presentation on current projects and how Covid affected their operations.

I am SO happy that Dick challenged our group to find a "Brunswick" Rotary to visit - Maine is special to me since I graduated from the Univ. of Maine and Mike and I were married in Somesville, ME. Thanks, Dick, for donating to the Rotary Foundation in my name - what a wonderful gift to the Foundation and me!



South Brunswick Islands, NC - Friday, 7:30 AM

New Brunswick, NJ - Thursday, 12:15 PM

Smoketown Rotary Club of Brunswick, MD - Friday, 12:00 PM

Smoketown Rotary Club charter member Karin Tome accepted Foot's challenge, and participated in the weekly virtual meeting of the Rotary Club of Brunswick, Maine. Karin reports: "I joined a ZOOM meeting yesterday for the Rotary Club of Brunswick, MAINE and wanted to "brief" you on it.