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BATH ROTARY CLUB THANKS LOCAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS

A few days before Christmas Bath Rotary Club members delivered holiday, goodie bags to the health care workers at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital, Fred and Harriet Taylor Health Center, and the Steuben Center. “We wanted to make a small, individual gesture of appreciation in honor of the essential workers caring for our loved ones at the hospital and senior centers in Bath,” remarked Angela Mattoon, Bath Rotary Club Webmaster. “Nancy Latour, our club secretary, was inspired by stories of similar projects shared at her church and spearheaded the Rotary campaign with the help of a small group of volunteers.”

The goodie bags, consisting of a large bag of trail mix, beef jerky, a bag of coffee from Keuka Lake Roasters, chocolate kisses, Christmas candies, two packs of gum, a retractable pen, and a black, dry erase marker, were adorned with a holiday, gift tag which read: From the Bath Rotary Club! Happy Holidays! Enjoy! Thank You! Bath Rotarians Amanda Chafee, Nancy Latour, Angela Mattoon, and Cheryl Muller as well as Latour’s husband, Woody, spent three and one-half hours assembling the 300 bags while enjoying friendship, wine, cheese, and Christmas music.

The holiday, goodie bag project supports one of Rotary’s primary purposes, i.e., a global network of volunteers who provide humanitarian service. The club was most pleased to recognize the incredible service of the health care workers who have faced many patient care challenges with utmost courage and total commitment during the Covid-19 pandemic. “Over the past months these workers have indeed demonstrated Rotary International’s ideal of “Service Above Self”, noted Mattoon.

The Bath Rotary Club, chartered in 1923, is part of Rotary International which was the world’s first volunteer service organization and is now 115 years old with over 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs exist to improve communities at home and abroad through a wide array of humanitarian, intercultural, and educational activities. The planning and working together to accomplish goals is the mainstay of Rotary; every member’s help is needed in some way to realize these goals. Indeed, Rotary is a service club: its business is mankind, and its product is service.

Clubs meet weekly to enjoy fellowship and to discuss local and global topics and projects. Clubs are nonreligious, nongovernmental, and open to every race, culture, and creed. The best reason for becoming a Rotarian is the chance to do something for somebody else

while experiencing self-fulfillment and friendship in the process. The local Rotarians feel great pride and joy as the local, health care workers enjoy the holiday, goodie bags.

Anyone interested in more information about the Bath Rotary Club, including prospective membership, should contact Jessica Thomas, Bath Rotary Club President at: jess542002@gmail.com or jessica.thomas@cbna.com. Interested community members can also view details about the local club by visiting its website: www.bathnyrotary.org.

(Please find below 3 pictures with appropriate cutlines.)



Bath Rotarians assembled 300 holiday, goodie bags for the dedicated, health care workers at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital, Fred and Harriet Taylor Health Center, and the Steuben Center, all in Bath. Standing left to right are: Nancy Latour, Woody Latour, Cheryl Muller, and Amanda Chafee. Taking the picture was Angela Mattoon.



Bath Rotary Club provided holiday, goodie bags for the essential workers at Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital and Fred and Harriet Taylor Health Center. Standing at the left is Nancy Latour and at the far right are Cheryl Muller and Woody Latour.

(A third picture is on the next page.)



Bath Rotarians delivered holiday, goodie bags to the health care workers at the Steuben Center in Bath. Standing left to right are Jessica Thomas, Bath Rotary Club President, and Nancy Latour, Bath Rotary Club Secretary.