Cabinet Meeting – August 7, 2021

D7 Zone Chair Report – Steve Sweeney

District Governor Joyce Stevens, fellow Cabinet members,

I have survived nearly one month as ZC with no serious blunders so that is encouraging. I prepared and distributed my first Zone newsletter by shamelessly copying Debbie Bostock’s format.

Sadly, I must report that the Rutland Lions Club has decided to wind down and cease operating at the end of the year. They currently have just 5 members and while unfortunate the decision makes sense. I have asked the remaining members to consider joining another local club and I know the local clubs would happily take them in.

I have not yet scheduled any club visits as our local clubs are slowly emerging from their Covid cocoons but hope to see them in the flesh soon.

My theme this year is “A Fresh Start” to celebrate the opportunities the clubs have to refresh and rebrand themselves after the Covid hiatus. Clubs can review and renew their activities and leave behind any tired old ways.

Just because we have always done something that way doesn’t mean that we should always do it that way!

My goals are:

1. Restore clubs to pre-Covid activity levels
2. Increase community profile by use of social and other media
3. Encourage new leaders to step up within local clubs.
4. Develop those new leaders by:
1). education opportunities such as the Officer Training
3}. Interclub visitations

While I am heartened by how well most of the clubs have fared during the difficult times we are hopefully leaving behind I am also hopeful we can evolve stronger and better because of it

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