Rotary
Club of Hillsborough, NJ

P.O. Box 5644, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

The Club Meeting
Minutes for Nov 04, 2026
In-Person @The Landing Meeting Room
Submitted by Evrim Cicek

Opening:

President Abed Medawar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Joe offered an invocation with prayers.

Correspondence, Announcements, Upcoming Events, New and Old Business, Rotary Information:

- President Abed welcomed club members, guests and the following membership prospects:
  - Melissa Smith 2nd meeting
  - Nicole Guttormsen 3rd meeting
  - Girl Scout Amelia Patterson and Tara O'Brien, her Girl Scout Leader. Amelia will be presenting her Girl Scout Gold Award project, built a Mental Health Zen Garden at Hillsborough Elementary School to educate students and teachers on the importance of mental health/strategies to support mental wellbeing.
  - Mike Vople, Superintendent of the Hillsborough Township Public Schools (Coat drive and the Nourishing Nook at the high school) and his wife Stacey
  - Mike Schraufnagel, Commander of Hillsborough Memorial VFW Post 8371
  - Jim Merola of Kitchens 2U, guest of Troy's
- Talked about and shared updates:
  - Succession plan
  - Treasure's report
  - Golf outing report
  - Board meeting financial highlights
- Club welcomed Josh and Anne after a long battle of health issue.
- President Abed shared updates about Community Award dinner.
- Jim shared updates about annual Fruit sale numbers. He urged members to share the link with their friends and families. If club cannot make 100 boxes by Nov 15th, whole order will be canceled. Evrim will send reminder to the club.
- Troy presented "Paul Harris" award.
- Mike Vople, Superintendent of the Hillsborough Township Public Schools, presented and shared details about Coat drive and the Nourishing Nook at the high school.
- Ken brought HBA Award for our fair recognized as the Hillsborough Tourism Event of 2026. President Abed thanked Ken, Al, Shawn and Ben for their involvement.
- Amelia Patterson presented her Girl Scout Gold Award project, "Mental Health Zen Garden at Hillsborough Elementary School".
- President Abed shared thank you email note from HDPS.

- Josh will be attending behalf of the club to Troop 489's Eagle Court of Honor (ECOH) event, Saturday January 2nd from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Mary Mother of God Parish Hall.
- Talked about Annual Operation Shoebox Dec 5th at the Y.
- Ben talked about "Dictionary Project for 3rd Grader", he asked help and volunteers to coordinate the event.
- Talked about Social Services distributions. Distribution scheduled on Dec 16th, yet there will be no regular meeting. We will be meeting at Municipal social service site at 6pm.
- Club contributed $500 ad to Adult Day Center (ADC) - 15th annual Generations Gala on Wednesday, November 18th at The Palace at Somerset Park for honoring Sgt. Richard Tichenor, one of Hillsborough's finest.

Unfinished Business / New Business: **N/A**

Upcoming Events:

- **11/18:** Dr. Anshu virtual presentation of her program on Restoring Sight in Haiti.
- **12/02:** Monthly business meeting, featuring Tom Baldinger, owner, director, writer and producer for 624 Productions, LLC, an independent film production company. Guest of Shawn's.
- **12/05:** Operation Shoebox
  Fruit Sale Distribution
- **12/16:** No meeting, Social Services holiday packing at 6pm.
- **01/06:** TBA
- **01/20: Lina GOL**

Adjournment:

- Happy dollars offered by members.
- Ken and Troy offered jokes.
- 50/50 – the Queen of Hearts: $40 to the winner-Joe but not Queen of Hearts.
- Bob waived fines.
- 4-Way test led by Joe.

Attachments: N/A

Meeting Adjourned – 7:30 pm