

Reporting Meeting of Feb 01, 2016

**Calendar of Events**

**Last Week:** 02/01/16: Jack Faddegon - Shelter Box Programs  
**This Week:** 02/08/16: TBA - Maybe Tulips  
**Next Week:** 02/15/16: No Meeting - President's Day  
**Coming Up:** 02/22/16 TBA

**Feb 4 Meeting Attendance:** 20 Members, 4 Guests

**Invocation:** Garry Morrow, Dan Stec or George Bailey

**Note:** Regular meetings are held Monday Evenings at 6:15 PM at the

William E. Sewell Memorial Room in the Ballston Town Hall

*Please give suggestions for future programs to Peter Parker.*

**Announcements**

- Bill Wehrle led us with the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Youmans led us in America the Beautiful. Dan Stec gave an inspiring invocation.
- Bill Wehrle presented Ken Crotty with his Paul Harris Award; Number 2.
- John Weldon announced the Glenville Ziti dinner Feb. 5th.
- We sang to Val for his Birthday.

The Shelter Box Program was started in Cornwall, UK for refugees after the Second World War. Jack's father was involved as a Rotary member. A WW2 warehouse in Cornwall is still the main location to assemble and store Shelter Boxes.

There are now more refugees than after WW2. Shelter Box assemblies are now done in 20 countries, including one in Florida, USA. The Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, Russia is now a Shelter Box provider. 15 locations provide 200 - 250 boxes per year.

Rotary International is the backbone of Shelter Box and is an official partner.

28,000 families were provided Shelter Boxes last year. So far, 335,000 people were helped in Haiti, and 6000 families were helped in Syria, Iraqi, Kudistan, Lebanon and Jordan.

Two years ago, Shelter Box was started in USA to help people in Arkansas after a tornado. Most of these people were farmers who had to remain at home to care for their farms and animals. This raised awareness of Shelter Box in USA and brought about a dramatic increase in activity.

Shelter Box has dedicated response teams that ensure delivery to needed areas and set-up.

Shelter Boxes can support 10 people, can weigh as much as 125 pounds and contain a tent, tools, blankets, water purifier, light and other materials to bring shelter, warmth and dignity to families affected by disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes cyclones, tsunamis and conflicts.

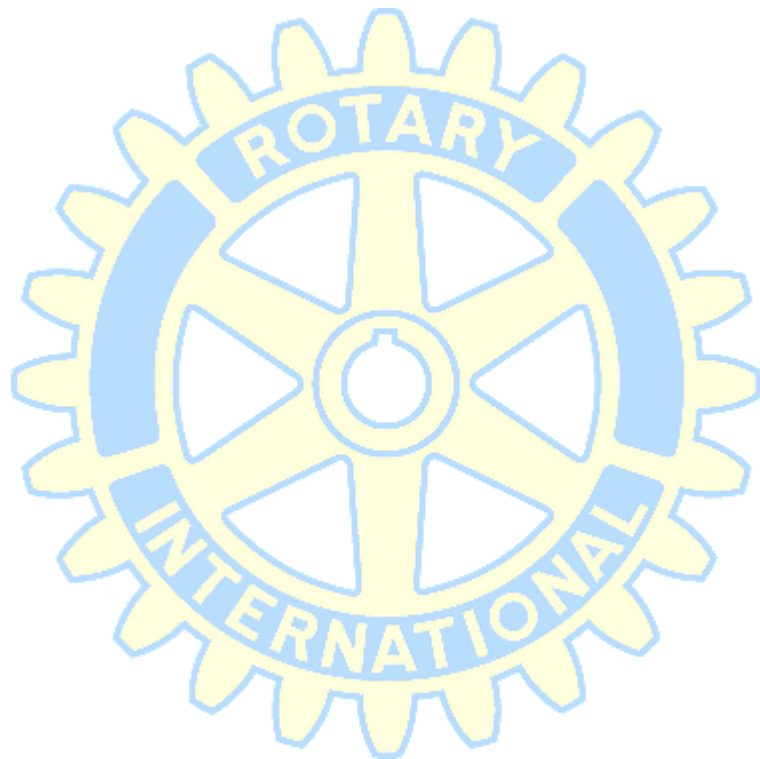
Some interesting facts: The tent can withstand 70 MPH winds; the box contains a Life straw which accepts contaminated water poured in top and provides potable water up to 8 gallons/day and lasts 6 months, soon to be replaced with a 16 GPD and one year life, and an inflatable solar-powered light. New developments are introduced every two weeks. Sleeping bags were discontinued because Arabic People associated them with body bags! The blankets have a ground cloth and provide satisfactory warmth.

Each box is numbered, and you can track your box on-line to the delivered location. There is also an unnumbered bigger box provided for partial repair following a disaster.

There is a small banner called Shelter Box Heroes for Rotary Clubs that have contributed three years in a row. Our club has budgeted \$1000/per year for Shelter Box so we will be "Shelter Box Heroes".

Reported by John Fettke

**Serve with us – the world is waiting**



Set-up team for February: Silas Schrader, Linda LeTendre, Tom Brownell

Clean-up team for February: Peter Sawyer, John Fettke, AlecDavis