

## Reporting Meeting of 9 May 2016

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** 5/2 – Ham Radio – Dick Arthur

**This Week:** 5/9 – BHBL Central School 2016-2017 Budget – Patrick McGrath

#### Coming Up WORKNIGHTS:

5/14 – (Saturday) Stevens School Playground Work, 8am-1pm

Town in Bloom – few people – mulch flower beds, 9am

5/16 – Town in Bloom – flower bed planting, 4:30; pizza town hall, 6:30

5/23 – Ballston Creek Preserve, 3 pm – Trail cleanup, misc.;  
Dinner Shanantaha Park Picnic Pavilion, 6:30

5/30 – NO MEETING: Memorial Day

6/6 – Pine Grove Cemetery Cleanup, 4 pm; dinner town hall, 6:30

6/13 – Program TBD (Laura Lee looking into projects at 4H Center)

6/20 – BOD @ 5; Program TBD

6/27 – Picnic at the Whettens' – Ballston Lake

the Saratoga State Park. In the photo are Silas with daughter Harper (a future 4H member), Congressman Paul Tonko and Greg Stevens of 4H.

### ROTARY STORY — MARY ANDERSON

Mary discussed the value of Rotary participation to her, including relationships with community leaders here, in other clubs and in projects in other countries. She is particularly impressed with Steve Caine's leadership in the Albany Med craniofacial project and Rey Whetten's accomplishments in Bangladesh.



### BHBL CSD 2016-2017 BUDGET – PATRICK MCGRATH

Superintendent McGrath of the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Central School District returned again to review the district's budget for the upcoming academic year. He spoke from the budget newsletter (which can be downloaded from):

[http://www.bhbl.org/Publications/Newsletters/PDF\\_budget/2016\\_17\\_BudgetNwsltr.pdf](http://www.bhbl.org/Publications/Newsletters/PDF_budget/2016_17_BudgetNwsltr.pdf). Proposed is a budget of \$63,905,956, a spending increase of 1.87%, a tax levy increase of 1.32% and an estimated tax rate increase of 0.65%.

The district benefits from the complete elimination of the *Gap Elimination Adjustment* this year. The budget includes the purchase of 8 vehicles as part of a program to move from a 13-14 to a 12-year bus replacement cycle, with offsetting savings in maintenance, and increase in reliability.

He discussed the great performance statistics of the system. The high school graduation rate is 96%, the highest in the region. 98% of seniors graduate with a Regents' or better diploma. 92% of graduates attend a 2 or 4-year college on graduation.

The election will be held on Tuesday 17 May. All eligible district residents are urged to vote.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Bill Wehrle led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Bob Youmans led the singing of *God Bless America*
- George Bailey presented an inspirational invocation
- Happy Dollars were collected by Mike Brewster
- Please provide nominations for Rotarian and Citizen of the year to Walter Grattidge
- Steve Caine requested help with delivering lunch to the Rotary golf tournament 11 June.
- Steve discussed the importance of the Rotary Foundation to the world, seeking \$6000 and urging 100% participation by the club, by the end of the year, 30 June.
- Laura Lee solicited orders for Vidalia onions.
- Jon Costolo discussed projects for Saturday 14 May: assembly of playground equipment at the Stevens school from 8 AM to 1 PM; mulching, Town in Bloom at 9 AM.
- Val Mosier requested submission of Rotary breakfast ticket-sale money.
- Silas Schrader told of the 4H Walk-a-thon held on Saturday 7 May at



Reported by Fred Bailly

For May: Set up: Peter Parker, Bill Lonergan, John Fettke; Clean-up: Dan Stec, Fred Bailly, Mary Anderson