

Reporting Meeting of April 10, 2017

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 4/3: Meeting at Schrader and Company
This Week: 4/10: Kathy Elisio, Junior Achievement, Albany
Next Week: 4/17: TBD
Coming Up: Community Breakfast, 4/29
Attendance: Rotarians: 20 Guests: 1
Invocation: Dan Stec
Note: Regular meetings are held Monday Evenings at 6:00 PM in the William E. Sewell Memorial Room at the Ballston Town Hall.
Please give suggestions for future programs to Jon Costolo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Charles Lindholm, known to many, is now under hospice care.
- 5/13 is the 4H Walkathon. Silas and his family will be participating and pledges were solicited.
- Laura will find out if the Glenville Rotary will be conducting their Onion Sale.
- Laura announced that there will be a Schenectady/Nijkerk exchange, with 10 students going to the Netherlands in July.
- 4/27 there will be birthday party for the King of the Netherlands at the Turf Tavern. Call 369-9678 if you would like to go.
- Linda requested that the parking spot in front of the door be left open for when she brings George. She also requested that when she does bring George someone help them out after the meeting as she has a flashlight to help him see in the dark.
- Members of the Malta Sunrise Club attended and announced a Pancake Breakfast 5/7 at the Malta Ridge Firehouse. If members cannot attend but would like to donate, those tickets will be donated to the Jonesville Food Pantry.
- A club workday will be arranged so that mulch can be spread at the Fettke's home, probably in early May.
- Community Breakfast tickets and posters are available. The work sign up sheet was sent around. Tickets, posters and sign up sheet will be available at the next two meetings.
- Mike Brewster collected Happy Dollars with comments being made about the good weather.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT – CATHY ELISIO

Cathy Elisio, Education Director of Junior Achievement Albany, outlined the program's mission and methods. JA is a private nonprofit economics organization providing education to K-12 children. They work with children in the greater Capital Region to help with work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy, to allow them to succeed in the global economy. JA is not a government-funded program and depends on donations.

Volunteers, after having received training, teach programs in the classrooms in conjunction with the teachers. The program emphasizes the 4 C's: communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity. The program invites local business people in to the classroom to share their challenges and successes.

The programs are hands on and are grade level appropriate. K-6 classes work within the social studies curriculum and grades above that, within the economic and business curricula. The JA curriculum is relevant, important, and fun. Soft skills are also taught: how to meet/greet someone, how to dress for and participate in a job interview, etc.

One guiding tenet is the "Nobody can improve without a belief in themselves as well as having a sense of purpose".



Service Above Self

Beth Brownell

