

Reporting Meeting of May 8, 2017

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 5/1 School Budget - Dr. Patrick McGrath

This Week: 5/8: Web Site Demonstration

This Saturday 5/13: Mulching at the Town in Bloom gardens - 9 am

Next Week: 5/15: 5pm Town In Bloom Planting; 6pm dinner - Town Hall

Coming Up: 5/22 James Richmond, Author of "War on Middleline"

Monday, May 29 – no meeting – Memorial Day

Attendance: Rotarians: 23, 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.

New Rotary Website Preview And 2017 District Conference Report

Tom Brownell began by restating the goals for the new web site: (1) In order for interested folks to find out who we are as a club, how to contact us and where we meet, it must be easy to navigate. (2) It must show clearly "What is Rotary". (3) It will highlight our club activities – fund raisers, community service and events. He explained that with their permission he used the template developed by the Bellvue, Washington Rotary Club for our web site. Tom projected some of the web site screens on the wall for us to see the work to date, beginning with the home page. Current activities were depicted with photos, followed by information about the next event. The links to RI home page, our District home page, BHBL Facebook, and RI Facebook were demonstrated. Our club's calendar format with links to speakers' websites was reviewed.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Pete led the Pledge, group started "America the Beautiful" and Dan Stec provided a meaningful invocation.
- Mary Anderson reminded us of the TIB schedule. Mulching on 5/13 @ 9:00. Planting on 5/15 @ 5:00. Mary passed a sign-up sheet. ****We need all hands on deck, folks! Even if you didn't get a chance to sign up at Monday's meeting, please show up at the corner TIB garden on Rt. 50 at one or both times.****
- Vice Jon reminded us that we should try to support brush clearing at Anchor Diamond Park on Saturday May 13, after TIB.
- Laura Linder again thanked all those that contributed to or pledged contributions to the 4H Walk that will be held on 5/13 at the Saratoga State Park & offered others the opportunity to support the walk.
- The Rotary District 7190 conference was held May 5 – 7 in Lake George. It included a Day of Service as a way for Rotarians to impact the community and a Water Walk to bring awareness to water scarcity worldwide! Report by Silas follows.
- Mike Brewster collected Happy Dollars with his routine charm.

*(*editorial comment requested by Mary Anderson)*

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

As with our current website there is a *members' only* section which will have our "How To" manuals on how to run the Community Breakfast, Apple Run, Apple Pie Festival, Tree lighting & Concert, set up and clean up assignments, Rotatellers, Board Meeting Minutes, Financial Statements, member data base, etc.

The plan, once some of the technical problems are solved, is to put the site up *for club member access only* so club members can become familiar with the site as well discover potential problems before we go live. Members will be able to submit suggestions, corrections and new items.

Our District Conference was held at Lake George this past weekend. Dan Stec, Silas Schrader and Steve Caine attended. Dan reported that this was the best District Conference he has attended. Silas reported and showed slides on the ambitious project to restore a cabin at Camp Chingachgook. Steve Caine presented a talk at the district conference about putting together our Cranial Fascia Global Grant project.

Reported by Pete Parker

May: Set Up: S. Schrader, R. Schimpf, B. Wehrle. Clean Up: P. Sawyer, A. Davis, D. Stec. Greeters: The Whettens

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