

Reporting July 23, 2018 Meeting

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 7/15 Ballston Pubic Library Overview Colleen Smith

This Week: 7/23 Vote on Constitution and Bylaws

Next Week: 7/30 Picnic at the Charlton School

8/6 Apple Run mailing

Coming Up: 8/13 Work night – Charlton Cemetery - 5pm, dinner 6pm

8/20 Picnic @ Whettens'

8/27 TBD

Invocation: Dan Stec

Attendance: 20 Rotarians

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 Silas Schrader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Beth led the “Pledge of Allegiance” and the “Four Way Test”. Bob Youmans led us in “America the Beautiful”. Dan Stec gave a thoughtful invocation.
- President Beth thanked those who emailed suggestions re: local businesses to approach for the Corporate Membership Initiative.
- She reported that that the Long-Range Planning Committee met tonight with Chair, Gregg Schorr.
- A vote on changes to the by-laws was tabled for a future meeting due to a typo in the new printed version.
- Darlene Bower detailed progress on the exciting new fundraising project, partnering with ARC, – the Thanksgiving Table Arrangements. Keep posted.
- Pete asked for and immediately received offers for help moving materials from the Town Hall and back for the picnic at the Charlton School next week.
- President Beth restated that she is continuing to look for ideas for an on-going hands-on community project.
- **Dues are due**

SERVICE ABOVE SELF



- Tom Brownell briefly discussed the need for a “community needs assessment” in order to target service projects. ~~He reached out to the club members to go out into the community and approach such places as schools, churches, Community Human Services, and others.~~ He asked the question, “How do we best do a community assessment?” Looks like an interesting topic for future discussion.
- Beth initiated a discussion regarding her “Reboot the Apple Pie Fest”, asking for someone to take the lead on generating ideas to “improve its attractiveness to the community at large”. (Many suggestions from members have been forwarded, which include names of performers to take the place of the retiring Doc Spring Jazz Band, ideas for selling space to local craft businesses to showcase and sell their local products and more.) Gregg Schorr, current chair of the Apple Pie Festival, offered to take the lead on the “Reboot”. *Thank you Gregg!*
- Peter Sawyer gave a brief report on a potential project at Stevens Elementary School to turn their sloping area beyond the playground into a “performance place”. Keep tuned.
- Our club owns a piece of HISTORY! Dan Stec reported that Dave Hennel (past DG) mentioned that our framed Four Way Test is the only surviving *ORIGINAL* hand painted version. It is VINTAGE! It was speculated that it was hand painted before our club was chartered and given to the club at that time. Dan reported that Dave has a family member skilled in restoration and fine woodworking who would be willing to professionally restore and preserve our historic artifact. Those present voted to have Dan enquire further into cost and other details.
- Laura Lee reminded us that the Saratoga County Fair is open. She distributed fliers and pointed out that that Wednesday is Senior Citizens Day. Be sure to look for the wonderful 4-H exhibits and, for those of us who knew him, be reminded of Stan Garrison and his deep involvement with 4-H and with our club.
- Happy Dollars were cheerfully collected by our Sargent at Arms, Mike Brewster, who has returned from his vacation.
- Beth stated “Why am I Here?...Fellowship, My home group, Local Service, and All of our cogs have to be working”.

Reported by Inky Fingers

JULY Set Up: Ken Crotty,Lead. Bill Lonergan, Peter Parker

Clean up: Darlene Bower,Lead; Suzette Steward, Fred Baily,: Greeter, Mike Brewster - Sargent at Arms

AUGUST Set Up: Lead – Silas Schrader; Dan Stec, Bill Wehrle

Clean up: Lead – Pete Sawyer; Alec Davis, Ron Schimpf, Jim Caverly; Greeter, Mike Brewster – Sargent at Arms