



Reporting Meeting of Monday Oct. 28

Calendar of Club Events.

This Week:	10/28	Joseph Dragone – Capital Region BOCES – Skilled Workforce
Next Week:	11/4	No meeting
	11/5	Apple Pie Festival – <i>All hands on deck!</i>
	11/11	High Rock Vineyard and Winery – Tour, Wine tasting and Dinner – GUEST NIGHT
	11/18	Swim for Polio - Louise Rourke – GUEST NIGHT
	11/25	Festival of Trees – decorate our Rotary Tree
	12/3	Community Tree Lighting and Concert (take down 12/23)
	12/9	Holiday Party at the Charlton Tavern
	12/13	Drop the Puck on Polio – Glens Falls (Thunder vs. Allen Americans)
	11/120	Polar Bear “Plunge for Polio” – Lake George
		Check us out: bhblrotary.org and on Facebook

President Silas opened the meeting with his *new BIG WELCOME* followed by the traditional activities. Silas reminded us of Rotary’s vision:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

Interact
Rotary Sponsored Club
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The BHBL Interact Club in conjunction with Immaculate Conception Church is conducting a food drive. Canned and non-perishable food will be accepted.

Helping those in need....

FOOD DRIVE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.) Food Drive being held by INTERACT – Gregg reporting Our club is partnering with INTERACT to help with their food drive. Bring donations of to the next two meetings.
- 2.) Town in Bloom Cleanup – Mary Reporting - Cleanup at the various TIB sites has begun. Barrels and Library

cleanup will take place on Friday Nov. 1, weather permitting. Mary asked for pine boughs for the barrels, and Tom B. said he would provide them

3.) World Polio Day – Dan Reporting

The panel discussion was attended by Laura and Dan. Polio has been eradicated world- wide except for one country – Afghanistan. The original Salk vaccine is now being used again as it has been found to be better.

4.) Apple Pie Festival – Dan reporting (Election Night) *Volunteers Needed!*

Set up will be at 4 pm. Work response has been good. Everyone will jump in. Dan still needs: cheese servers, ice cream scoopers, and volunteers to collect door prizes.

5.) Every Rotarian Every Year Rotary Foundation – Tom Brownell reporting

Tom announced money is coming in. Please make checks payable to: “The Rotary Foundation” *Mary A. mentioned that over \$1,000 has been donated to Polio through the weekly donation of our quarters!*

6.) Winery Tour, Tasting, Lecture –A Guest Night! - Gregg reporting

This will be a great opportunity to introduce friends to the fun of Rotary.



7.) Tree Lighting and Concert -

Helpers should be in place by 6pm. Festivities begin at 6:30
Holiday Concert – 7:30pm – Senior High School Auditorium

8.) Ken Adamczyk, our Area Assitant District Governor, was introduced. He told us that he sees his AADG role as someone ready to help our club in any way. He and Silas plan to participate in the Polio Plunge on New Year’s Day. Mike cheerfully and quickly collected Happy Dollars.

JOSEPH DRAGONE – BOCES and the Skilled Workforce

The enthusiasm with which Joseph Dragone presented his talk was inspiring. Here is a man who truly appears to love his job! His rapid fire delivery packed an enormous amount of information into the very short time he had to speak before going on to another engagement.

There are 7 BOCES regions in the northeast part of the state. BOCES provides 500 different services divided into several divisions among which are – special education, management skills, human relations, educational support services career and tech education. It serves about 1100 young people. He said, “We train the workforce that fuels the economy”. There is a national focus on needed skills a person can take directly into the work force.

There is a waiting list for BOCES programs. Each program can accommodate 35 kids. The cost per student is \$12,200 per year. (Some of that can be reimbursed.) From there, the student can go directly into the work place, go on to a 2-year community college program or go into one of many nationally recognized skilled workforce (trade) programs. There are waiting lists for programs such as welding and automotive skills. The kinds of programs available are tremendously diverse, ranging from welding and automotive skills to computer technology.

An important aspect of BOCES is challenging the student to think critically. Students learn that they need to be able to be collaborative, on time, be able to diagnose what needs to be done on the job and to work closely with employers.

Joe says, “I run the shop. Everyone reports me.” He works with many business partners.

BOCES is funded by all NY school districts, with the state funding the schools for participating. He said, in answer to a question from the audience that the trades programs at the BHBL Senior High School are “complementary to the BOCES program”.

Joe ended by saying “The goal of BOCES is to get everybody to be the best they can be. BOCES is helping support kids to do what they love.”



Joe receiving the coveted visiting speaker’s Rotary mug.

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NOV SET UP: Silas S., Dan S., Bill W. **CLEAN UP:** Pete S., Alec D., Stephen G.

DEC. SET UP: Paul L., Bob Y., Tom B. **CLEAN UP:** Gregg, Mike B., Mary A., Jon