



Reporting Meeting of Monday Nov 25

Calendar of Club Events.

- This Week:** 11/25 Festival of Trees – decorate our Rotary TIB Tree
12/2 no meeting
- Next Week:** 12/3 Community Tree Lighting and Concert
12/9 Holiday Party at the Charlton Tavern
12/12 BOD
12/13 Drop the Puck on Polio – Glens Falls (Thunder vs. Allen Americans)
12/16 Aron Pedinotti – Social Media
12/23 Holiday Tree Down
11/20 Polar Bear “Plunge for Polio” – Lake George

Check us out: bhbrotary.org and on Facebook



President 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.***

The usual pre meeting activities were enlivened by Hannah and Henry Schrader leading us the Pledge of Allegiance, Hannah the 4-way test.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.) Rotary Foundation Giving Month (November) – Tom reported that 8 members have donated so far. See Tom Brownell for information on giving or you can give through your “myrotary” online account at my.rotary.org
- 2.) Town in Bloom Cleanup Mary presented a thank you gift of local Anna Mae’s jam to Tom and Beth Brownell for donating the pine boughs for the all the Town in Bloom barrels and flower beds.
- 3.) Holiday Concert – Ushers Needed – see Mary
Concert posters have been distributed throughout the community. She showed us a new program insert describing Rotary. It will be placed in all of the concert programs to highlight the fact that Rotary sponsors this free community holiday event.
Ushers should be in place 7pm.
Holiday Concert – 7:30pm – Senior High School Auditorium.
- 4.) Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa – Bob Youmans
Bob showed the colorful posters he had made highlighting the Tree Lighting and visit from Santa which he asked members to distribute. He also showed us his smaller flyers he has asked the school district to distribute to all of the elementary school children. He assured us that Bill Crawford will drive the fire truck transporting Santa to the Library on the big night.
Bob made a point of thanking the several people who have stepped up to help with the Tree Lighting event, which has made his job so much easier this year. We remember that he used to do it all by himself!
Helpers should be in place by 6pm; Festivities begin at 6:30pm

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

- 5.) Linda LT suggested members meet for dinner at Sam’s Chinese Restaurant before going to the tree lighting. Coordinate with Linda for reservations
- 6.) BHBL Rotary Annual Holiday Party at the Charlton Tavern: Linda LeTendre, MC.
The club members voted to continue the Gift Exchange tradition. Linda requested that gifts reflect local business enterprises such as those on sale at Mail’n More, local crafters, local foods, wines, etc. *Dumpster diving ok.* Please make reservations with Gregg Schorr. Cost w/tip - \$40/person. Watch for more information from Gregg.
- 7.) Holiday Giving: report by Beth Brownell
Club donations to Holiday giving 2018 totaled \$2700. A little over \$500 was disbursed by the school district. Per Colleen Wolff, Middle School principal and overseer of the fund, internal fundraising from district staff covered most of the needs. Currently, it is planned to use the remainder of our donation to cover costs of the Backpack Program. Later communications received from Patrick McGrath, Superintendent, indicated that donation monies from all sources may be combined, with one procedure by which school principals can access it.
- 8.) Polar Bear Plunge- Silas will be participating in the Polio Plunge at Lake George on 1 January 2020. Laura Lee suggested a signup pledge sheet to support Silas and Polio as we have done with previous events. An official pledge sheet will be obtained from the District. Members will have the opportunity to sign up at the Holiday Party and Dec. meetings.
Mike cheerfully, quickly collected Happy Dollars before we decorated the now famous (and requested!) Rotary’s “Town in Bloom” Poinsettia Holiday Tree.



Service above Self

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