

Reporting Meeting of April 25, 2016

Calendar of Events

Last Week: Burnt Hills Rowing Association – Kathy Kelly
This Week: Interact Club - Tentative
Next Week: Patrick McGrath – BH-BL Budget Presentation
Coming Up: 5/14 Steven School Work Project
5/16 Town In Bloom Work night
5/23 Work Night TBA
5/30 Memorial Day – No Meeting
6/6 Work Night TBA

April 25 Meeting Attendance: Members 23, Guests 9

Invocation: George Bailey, Garry Morrow, Dan Stec or Bob Youmans

Note: Regular meetings are held Monday Evenings at 6:15 PM at the William E. Sewell Memorial Room in the Ballston Town Hall

Announcements

- President Bill Wehrle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the singing of America the Beautiful led by Bob Youmans.
- Dan Stec gave an inspiring invocation
- Mary Anderson announced that Beth Brownell has joined the Town-in-Bloom executive committee. On May 14 at 9:00AM we will spread new mulch & on May 16 we will plant the flowers.
- Laura Lee announced that she hopes to have the final information about the Vidalia onions at the Community Breakfast.
- Mike Brewster entertained us while collecting Happy Dollars.
- Jon Costolo announced the Community Breakfast is this Saturday. Set-up will be at 4PM on Friday and early work crew should be there between 5:30 & 6:30 on Saturday morning.

SET UP & CLEAN UP FOR May SET UP: Pete Parker, Bill Lonergan, John Fettke:

Silas Schrader introduced Jeanette Borthwick & John Freholm from the BHBL Business and Professional Association. They are starting their annual Betsy Ross raffle ticket sales to support the BHBL Flag Day Parade. Only 700 tickets are sold and there will be 100 prizes.

BH-BL ROWING ASSOCIATION

Paul Lewandowski introduced Mary Batzinger & Kathy Kelley from the BH Rowing Association. Mary mentioned the “Learn to Row” signs in the community and then talked about their learn to row program which runs from April 26 to May 4th. They operate from their Alpaus Boat House. Rowing contributes to personal & community growth by developing teamwork, discipline & physical fitness. The Rowing Association was established in 1993 with 16 members and grew to 30 in 1994. Their boat house was built in 1999 by their rowers, parents and the community. In 2007 they added a 4500 sq. ft. gym & a strength training facility. There are two types of rowing: sculling – rowing with two oars and sweep rowing where each rower only handles one oar. All the rowers face the back of the boat (stern) and the coxswain sits in the stern and commands the stroke of the rowers and steers the shell. Kathy then showed a short film of the Charles River Race in Boston which illustrated many of the things Mary mentioned. The Rowing Association operates in the spring as a school sport and in the fall as a club sport. Middle schoolers, grades 6,7 & 8 participate in sculling events and high schoolers participate in the sweep rowing events. The middle school events are 1000 meters in the spring and 2500 meters in the fall. The high school events are 1500 meters in the spring and 3500 meters in the fall. Mary indicated that there are over 2,000 college scholarships available for female rowers. And that 49 schools have added rowing since 1997. In addition there is a Master Rowing category for people 18 years or older which has both competitive and non competitive rowing. National Learn To Row Day is on June 1st and there will be an open house at the Alpaus Boat House from 9AM to 1PM where you can find out more about rowing. Our Burnt Hills Spring Rowing season is underway with the following races in Saratoga held on Fish Creek.

May 7	Jr. B/C Championships
May 8	Section II Championships
May 14 & 15	State Championships
June 4	Modified Championships (in Mechanicville)

CLEAN UP: Dan Stec, Fred Baily, Mary Anderson

Serve with us – the world is waiting

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