

Reporting Meeting of February 27, 2017

Calendar of Events

Last Week: Club Assembly Jon Costolo gave a fine overview of Rotary, local, district and international

This Week: Charlton's Featherbed Farm – Tim Biello

Next Week: TBD

Coming Up: TBD

Attendance: Rotarians: 19; Guests: 7

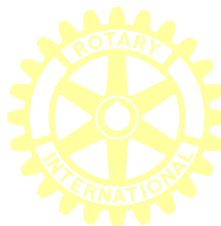
Invocation: Dan Stec

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual dinner at SCCC will be 3/20/17; Menu and pricing to be emailed to members. There is also information on line.
- Garry Packer described The “Legacy” Project fundraiser to be held at Glennpeter Jewelers on Central Ave. in Albany on Thursday, April 20 from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The goal is to raise 6 million dollars for a Capitol District Veterans Memorial to be built on the corner of Vley and Amsterdam Roads in Glenville. It will have seven monuments honoring the veterans of the seven wars as well as a welcome center and café. It is to be a “place of solitude, comfort and peace allowing veterans and their families to perhaps heal the invisible wounds of war.
- One of our Rotary visitors talked about the program for the upcoming District Conference in Lake George (May 5 – 7), urging members present to consider participation...especially since it is so close by.
- Mike Brewster collected Happy Dollars. One of our guests donating a happy dollar was Mike Nyhan from the Scotia Rotary. (Yes, Mike is Chris Nyhan's dad.) Seeing Mike led Rey and Gini Whetten to share the story of how Mike saved (literally) their lives on the day Gini and Rey fell through the ice while skating on Ballston Lake. Mike had been invited to a skating party that day. Not being able to find his skates, he decided to go anyway, but that he would go ice fishing instead. At the last minute, as he was packing up his things, it occurred to him that he should add a rope



“because someone might need it”. There was a great round of applause for Mike. Once Mike had shared with me that because of that he was moved to join the local Rescue Squad. Talk about “Service above self”!

WHAT'S ROTARY (today) ? – Jon Costolo

Jon gave a fine overview of projects planned for the Spring work days. They include, among other things, a Community Service Day where many clubs such as the Business and Professional Association and the Mom's Club can come together for a specific project; Planting TIB in May; volunteering at the NY Food Bank; repairs at 4-H, Charlton School for Girls, window washing/brush clearing at Council Meadows; work at Clover Patch *and more*. He mentioned that he hopes to have service projects throughout the year, not just in June.



Jon urged members to log in to the District website to sign up for District events (rotary.org). He mentioned that there is a Rotary “E-club” – an on line Rotary Club for folks who cannot manage to get to regular meetings. Imagine that!

Jon showed a short video describing the Rotary Conference in Atlanta celebrating the 100th birthday of the foundation of Rotary. He mentioned another conference to be held in Toronto in June and suggested that some of us could “car pool” to attend.

Jon told the club that Rotary Club committees will be regrouped into five main committees: Club Administration, Membership, Public Relations, Service Projects, and Rotary Foundation. A committee head is needed for each. Members can then approach the committee heads to sign up.

Next Jon went over “Four, Five, Six”...the Four Way Test (we all know), the Five Avenues of Service (Club Service, Vocational Service, community Service, International Service and Youth Service) and the Six Causes of Rotary (Promote Peace, Fight Disease, Provide Clean Water, Serving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education and Growing Local Economies.

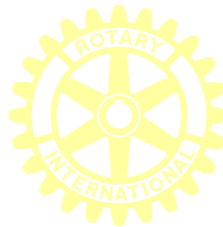
Jon covered a lot of territory and did it well. Rotary as we know it is growing and changing, and we are growing and changing along with it. Thanks for a fine presentation, Jon.

Reported by Gini Whetten

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