

Reporting Meeting of April 24, 2017

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 4/24 Veterans' Memorial Project - Garry Packer

This Week: 5/1 School Budget - Dr. Patrick McGrath

Next Week: 5/8: Work Night

Coming Up: Community Breakfast 4/29; 5/13 TIB Mulch 9:00; 5/15 TIB Plant 5:00 No Meeting Memorial Day Weekend

Attendance: Rotarians: 25 Guests: 1

Invocation: Garry Morrow

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

- President Pete led the Pledge, Bob Y. "America the Beautiful" and Garry Morrow provided a thoughtful invocation.
- President Pete announced that John Fettke is feeling better, which everyone was very glad to hear.
- Beth Brownell covered details for the Community Breakfast. She has tickets and posters available for distribution.
- Mary Anderson, announced dates for TIB, (see "Calendar of Events,") and noted we will need to dig up grasses in May.
- Vice Jon noted that we should also try to support brush clearing at Anchor Diamond Park on Saturday May 15, possibly after TIB completion.
- Laura Linder thanked all those that contributed to or pledged contributions to the 4H Walk.
- Mike Brewster collected Happy Dollars with his routine good humor.



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

May: Set Up: S. Schrader, R. Schimpf, B. Wehrle. Clean Up: P. Sawyer, A. Davis, D. Stec Greeters: The Whettens

Capital District Veterans Memorial (CDVM) and Veterans Miracle Center (VMC) Garry Packer

With the passion of a true believer in very worthy causes, Garry provided us with very informative descriptions of Glenville Rotary Club's initiative to create a legacy memorial honoring the service and sacrifice of those that served, and especially the fallen. He also gave us compelling background on the VMC. The vision and mission of the CDVM is to create "a respite in which veterans and their families, as well as ordinary citizens can experience a welcoming place, camaraderie, remembrance and even vindication." The vision is to build five monuments commemorating the service and sacrifice in past wars, and a welcoming center/café on an 11-acre plot at the intersection of Vly Road and Route 5. Initial expenditures are estimated at \$1 million, with a \$3 million ultimate price tag.

Glenville Rotary is creating a 501(C)3 as the means for collecting and managing funds. The club plans to raise money through federal, state, local and private grants, corporate and private sponsorship and fundraising activities, such as the sale of memorial bricks. More information is available on <https://youtube/M8jUT43xudy> and www.legacyglenville.org.

Garry also shared with us a comprehensive overview of the history and mission of the VMC. Its mission is to offer real solutions to veterans and active duty military personnel in order to enhance their lives. The Center provides clothing, personal care and hygiene products, household items, ambulatory equipment, toys for their children and more, as well as having specialists available for counseling for personal needs, jobs, housing and financing. All goods and services are provided free to veterans and their immediate households. The organization is certified by all qualifying organizations. Please go to www.vmcalbany.org for both a moving and deeper understanding of what VMC is and does.

Reported by Steve Caine

