

## Reporting Meeting of October 23, 2017

### Calendar of Events

**Last Week:** Oct 16 Exotic Physics of an Ordinary Morning Video

**This Week:** Oct 23 BH-BL BPA Visioning Committee Update

**Next Week:** Oct 30 CHS and Captain Merger

**Coming Up:** Nov 6 No Meeting – Apple Pie Festival Nov 7th

**Nov 7 Apple Pie Festival @ BHBL High School**

**Attendance:** Rotarians: 25 Guests: 11

**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 Beth Brownell.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Jon Costolo led us in the pledge, Bob Youmans in America the Beautiful & Dan Stec provided a thoughtful invocation.
- Bob Youmans reported that the planning for the Christmas Concert & Tree Lighting were on schedule and he had met with Santa Claus.
- Beth Brownell reminded us about the Apple Pie Festival on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Silas Schrader distributed Apple Pie tickets and passed around the work signup sheet.



- Linda announced the Peace Summit for Youth on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in Mechanicville. Information flyers were on the tables.
- Happy Dollars were collected by Mike Brewster
- The ingredients of our delicious dinner were announced by Laura.

### BH BL BPA VISIONING COMMITTEE

Beth Bownell introduced Rick Noel, President of the BPA. He introduced Niger Hale, Chairperson of the Visioning Committee. She is the Vice President of Marketing and Membership Connections for the Southern Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce. The Visioning Committee's mission is "to develop and implement a strategy and plan for the BH-BL community, including portions of towns served by the BH-BL School District". Its goals are: "to sustain and enhance academic excellence, enhance local quality of life along with the sense of place and community pride, support the retention and expansion of local business opportunities and local agriculture, support the expansion and connection of active and passive

recreational opportunities, and leverage the historical and agricultural heritage of the area."

The committee has surveyed the communities to see what future concerns and directions the committee should pursue. A key issue they are discussing is the development of the Route 50 corridor between Anderson Boat and Fogg's Automotive. Discussion about sewer & water requirements to attract new businesses and the type of businesses continues. For example, new hotels/motels, bed & breakfasts and family restaurants all require adequate water and sewage capacity. The redevelopment of the BH Bowling Lane site was given as an example of an unused property which could attract new businesses.

The development of the passive Anchor Diamond Park at Hawkwood was mentioned as a new town recreational asset which will enhance the quality of life in the area. A lively discussion followed, with representatives from The Burnt Hills Mom's Club especially full of ideas, some seen in other communities that perhaps could be used here. It was noted that the fact *that we are a lakeside town* should be stressed in the Visioning publications and logos promoting our area.



Developing safe haven locations for our teenagers to gather is being discussed. Concern over making the business district more walkable by having sidewalks was expressed. Building/property design standards and solid zoning guidelines need to be in place to ensure positive controlled growth.

The committee members attend the Ballston Town Board Meetings to stay current with what is a happening and to influence government actions which will enhance the surrounding communities.

The BPS Visioning Committee meets at the Villago Pizzeria & Restorante on Ballston Lake on the first Wednesday of the month beginning at 6:00 pm and last for about ninety minutes. Most meetings include presentations by guest speakers on topics that include marketing, financing, personal development and issues of community concern.

*Reported by Pete Parker*

**November Set Up:** Lead - Silas Schrader with Dan Stec, Bill Wehrle ■ **November Clean Up:** Lead - Peter Sawyer with Alec Davis, Ron Shimpf helping

s. The world is waiting.