

Reporting Meeting of April 16, 2018

Calendar of Events

Last Week: 4/9 NCBI - Jeff Reynolds and Students – Guest Night
This Week: 4/16 Rotary Stories – Jon Costolo
Next Week: 4/23 Annual Rotary Dinner at Schenectady Community College:
Speaker – Walter Grattidge & Mary Anderson
Coming Up: 4/24 Interclub Dinner at Turf Tavern
4/28 Community Benefit Breakfast – BH United Methodist Church
4/30 TIB Committee @ 5:15 pm; Program TBA
Attendance: Rotarians: 22 Guests: 0
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 the Pledge. Bob Youmans led us in singing “America the Beautiful”.
- President Jon led us in reciting the Four Way Test.
- There is still time to sign up for the SCCC Dinner on 4/23. We currently have 42 attending. See Peter Parker or Gregg Schorr with your meal selections and money.
- Tonight is the last night to sign-up for the Interclub Dinner on April 24 at the Turf Tavern. We currently have seven members attending.
- Darlene noted our Club contributed to the Capital Region Rotary Club's Toy Drive to benefit the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center.
- Community Benefit Breakfast is on 4/28. Sign-up forms are being circulated for workers.
- The 4-H Walk-a-Thon will be held on 5/12. Sign-up sheets are being circulated for donations. Silas, Darlene and Suzette are participating and looking for others to join.
- Mike Brewster graciously & cheerfully collected Happy Dollars from the membership.

SERVE WITH US. THE WORLD IS WAITING.

April Set up: Lead Ken Crotty with Bill Lonergan, Peter Parker
May Set up: Lead – Silas Schrader with Dan Stec, Bill Wehrle

- May 7, 14 & 28 will be community service project nights. Projects are being scheduled. May 21 will be our Town in Bloom night.
- The District is sponsoring a tree planting project to coincide with Arbor Day in Albany. Each Club is asked to donate trees, help with the planting or donate money to support the effort.
- The Rotary “Got Talent” show on May 3rd is looking for contributions for their silent auction baskets. Bottles of Wine were suggested items.
- Gini distributed posters and discussed the distribution of our roadside signs for the upcoming Community Breakfast. We decided to distribute the smaller in-ground signs on Friday, April 20 after the sewer proposal signs were taken down on the 19th. Rey and Gini will pick up all the signs after the breakfast because they are reusable after cleaning and minor changes from year to year. A.J. Signs will advertise our Community Breakfast on their electronic billboard sign outside their business on Route 50.

Rotary Stories Jon Costolo

Jon began by telling us that a Club program when each Rotarian presented his Rotary story to the Club will be revived. He then explained that his interest in “service” began while he was in the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scout Oath and service projects were the major influencing factors. He wanted to be in the Navy and applied to the Naval Academy but fortunately was not accepted. He went to Toulane in New Orleans with the better social life and earned his commission through ROTC. His first at sea assignment was aboard a wooden minesweeper. His second was aboard a destroyer which was being built in Bath, ME where he met Tina. He described the destroyer's maiden voyage from Bath, thru the Panama Canal and to San Diego. Jon served two years of shore duty in San Diego. A fortunate coincidence occurred when Tina moved to San Diego and we all know that they were married and moved to Ballston Lake. He learned about Rotary from Mike Brewster. Jon told his story with enthusiasm and humor. We look forward to more stories from our new members.



Reported by Pete Parker

Clean up: Lead – Darlene Bower with Suzette Stewart, Fred Baily
Clean up: Lead – Pete Sawyer with Alec Davis, Ron Schimpf

